



RICKY MASTEN, Hillary Timm, Sabrina Hare and Becky Davis loaded toys, food and other presents for 18 needy families adopted by River School classes. See story page 8.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Kersnar Worries about Carmel Revenue, Hopes Bottom Reached

By Isabelle Hall

He hopes Carmel has reached the bottom of the recession, but City Administrator Jere Kersnar predicts, "We're not going to see a huge rebound."

In a year-end discussion, Kersnar talked about how he would like a better fiscal forecasting system, the problems the April election will cause for the budget-makers and a reduced number of choices in the next budget due to lack of funds.

Once again his biggest concern is how big a hit the state will make on cities and counties, the uncertainty of the amount and when it will be known. Typically, the legis-

lature does not act until long after Carmel's budget needs to be approved.

"There's a difficult period coming upon us with the election campaign and the potential seating of new people at the same time as you're trying to develop a budget," he said. "It will be somewhat easier this year because there's not going to be a whole lot of choices because we're not going to have a whole lot of money."

Kersnar had recommended Carmel change its bi-annual elections from April to November to save money and avoid having a newly elected council just as the budget

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Freeway Showdown Put Off as Caltrans Blasts 4/U

By Carolyn Rice

A top Caltrans official told the county Wednesday that his agency will support the long-stalled Hatton Canyon Freeway or no project at all, calling the tunnel-based 4/U widening proposal for Highway 1 an unacceptable solution to traffic congestion around Carmel.

As badly split as ever and not wanting to lose state and federal highway money set aside for the area, members of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) put off a decision, agreeing to meet again Jan. 12 to study comparisons of the competing plans.

Caltrans' statement of support for construction of the controversial freeway was its strongest yet in a long running debate over whether to build the freeway or somehow widen the existing highway. Caltrans officials insisted the 4/U project would cost \$33 million to build, making it just \$10 million less costly than the 2.8-mile extension of the freeway and not cost-effective in the highway department's view.

"The CTC (California Transportation Commission) is starting to lose patience in the process," Tom Perkins, third district supervisor, warned his fellow TAMC members. He noted TAMC had taken positions in August and October that if Caltrans couldn't support 4/U, TAMC would revert to its support of the freeway.

"I'm not going to support 4/U if the staff can't make closure with Caltrans to support it," Perkins said.

TAMC staff members argued the 4/U project which would widen Highway 1 to four-lanes and create tunnels at Ocean and Carpenter is safe. County staff said it would cost \$27.1 million rather than the \$33 million Caltrans estimates and is therefore more cost effective than Caltrans says.

But Patrick Connally, deputy district 5 director for Caltrans, said the 4/U proposal is "not a viable, prudent, reasonable or acceptable project." He said the traffic benefits would be short term, the project costly and it would barely meet state safety standards.

"Frankly I'm not sure I would find an engineer who would put his license on the line," said Connally, saying he would be reluctant himself to sign off on the safety of the project.

TAMC voted unanimously to move its regular January meeting up to Jan. 12 to discuss the side-by-side comparisons developed by Caltrans between 4/U and the freeway. Members said they had just received the comparisons the afternoon be-

fore the meeting and did not have ample time to study them.

They must send their findings to the CTC by Jan. 4 for it to be included in the background packet being prepared for the CTC's Jan. 20 meeting when the freeway will be discussed.

Some TAMC members suggested the Jan. 12 meeting would put CTC members in the position of receiving the information too late, but Anna Caballero, a Salinas city council member, suggested the TAMC decision could be presented in an oral report with the information presented at the TAMC meeting being sent in advance.

TAMC members opposed to the freeway warned that failure to obtain a wetlands permit could prevent construction of the freeway. Fifth District Supervisor Sam Karas and Monterey Councilman Dave Potter both expressed doubts about the permit, saying they had discussed it with Leonard Cardoza, head of the Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco regional office.

Jerry Gromko, executive director of TAMC, estimated the tunnels would cost \$8.5 million rather than the \$11.8 Caltrans figured. "We still believe we are more correct than they are," he said. TAMC also estimated right of way costs would be \$1.1 million while Caltrans estimated \$3 million.

Testifying before TAMC, Lois Starnes said her home at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Highway 1 and two adjacent rentals and a vacant lot she owns would be taken for the 4/U project.

If she were paid the \$1 million, Starnes said after state and federal tax she would be lucky if she could then afford a house.

TAMC directed the staff to obtain appraisals of the Starnes property. Joe Lopez, TAMC planning coordinator, noted that unless Caltrans and TAMC appear before the CTC with a united proposal, "funding could be lost for the project and for Monterey County."

Carmel Realtors Join State's Largest Regional MLS Alliance

The Carmel Association of Realtors, the largest board on the Monterey Peninsula, has voted to join a Realtor-controlled five-county regional multiple listing service (MLS) corporation of 13,000 members stretching north almost to San Francisco.

The alliance was formed Monday but the new computer system will not be online until March of 1995. It will be the largest MLS network in California and one of the largest in the country, accessing information and pictures on more than 20,000 real estate properties for sale.

Carmel Association President Stephen Poohar said the vote was 298 to 15 and every association that voted on the issue was overwhelmingly in favor of the new system. There are 447 members of the Carmel board. He

said a 51 percent vote of the membership was required to approve the capital expenditure.

"Whoever controls the information will control the transaction in the future," predicted Rhenda Miller, incoming association president.

"We are going to provide our members the next iteration of MLS systems," Poohar explained. "It will be a state of the art system owned by 17 Realtor boards. Rather than purchasing from a vendor at higher cost, we'll be able to do our own system."

Poohar said he saw the move as helping to "provide sellers with the highest number of buyers." The Carmel association represents one of the highest priced areas in the new system.

The Carmel board planned to pay its \$68,000—or \$150 per member—share of the

new system from its reserves, Poohar said. Once it is in place, the monthly cost to MLS members will drop from the current \$150 per quarter to \$120 for unlimited access without a hard copy book. An optional book will be available at a cost yet to be determined.

Miller said, "This will allow us to control our own destiny. I'm really excited about it. It will give all of our purchasers today what they'll need into the 21st Century. It will keep us in the forefront and keep us on the cutting edge."

The new MLS corporation will provide computer services to a regional market area comprised of Carmel, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas, San Benito County, Santa Cruz and Watsonville, which is known as Region 10; the

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LETTERS

Support for Fire Sentences as Fair

Judge Anton's sentence given to the three young men convicted of setting fire to Carmel High School was, in my opinion, both fair and, in the face of public opinion, took a lot of courage. I speak as someone who is a graduate of Carmel High School and as the employer of one of the individuals convicted. I have been dismayed at the misinformation that has been going around and how everyone is so willing just to toss these young men away.

These three youths do not have the traits of hardened, unrepentant criminals. This is their first offense. They can, in my opinion, be rehabilitated. The individual who works for me is a good employee—hard working and honest. He is well liked by his fellow employees and by employees of other stores. He was a good student and participated in extra-curricular activities. I understand the other two have similar stories.

It is important to note that the individual who actually set the fire said he did not intend to set fire, that it was an accident. Expert investigation could produce no conclusive evidence to prove otherwise. In other words, they did not plead guilty to, nor were they convicted of, intentional arson.

Is justice being served? Are the sentences setting a good example? If one's sense of justice demands suffering, let me assure you that the young man I know has and will continue to suffer. He has been ostracized by most of his classmates, he has lost his senior year forever, he has been slandered and threatened, has seen his family suffer and has had to endure a judicial process that brought him to the point where suicide became a genuine concern. I would not be surprised if the other two have had similar ordeals.

They will now have to serve time and do community service. Believe me, the peers of these three have had their wake-up call. Anyone who suggests this sentence sends the message to other students that it is okay to set their school on fire must have a very low opinion of a student's intelligence or must believe that they are all criminals waiting for a chance to strike.

If these three had been sent to do "hard time" at a California Youth Authority prison, where hard core criminals are incarcerated, chances are their lives would have been ruined. I don't think they deserved that. They need to serve their sentence and then demonstrate their desire to be good citizens in our community. We as a community need to allow them a chance to do that. And if they do rehabilitate and become productive citizens, then a good example will indeed have been set for our youth.

Rich Holine
Carmel Valley

Support Greenwood for CVPOA Veep

I urge that members of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) support the candidacy of Robert Greenwood for vice president in the upcoming elections. He has got it right: after losing our representation by Valley residents on the Board of Supervisors and on the Planning Commission, the Valley needs more active, more vocal representation to protect those values for which CVPOA has always stood. We must speak up to prevent continuing erosion of the Carmel Valley Master Plan. While the CVPOA board under Roger Williams' leadership has taken a number of valuable initiatives, it has also failed to act vigorously in instances which called for it. Robert Greenwood has a solid record of sensible and reasoned defense of our Valley. He deserves our support.

Max Chaplin
Carmel Valley



Basic Community Needs Going Unmet

Safe neighborhoods are, in my opinion, Carmel's No. 1 priority. I bet 99 percent of our residents agree with that. Unfortunately, the Carmel City Council does not. Behind the rhetoric is the fact that our Council continues to freeze funding and reduce the effectiveness of our Police Department. It is impossible to comprehend why the council feels this way.

Only last month, the Carmel Police Department lost another experienced and respected officer in large part because Carmel pays the lowest police officer salaries on the peninsula. In times like these, we must maintain a strong, effective and above all experienced Police Department.

After all, police and fire services can only be provided by government and benefit every single person and business in Carmel. This is not true for many other city services. Therefore, I strongly oppose the council's view that every city service is co-equal in budget priority. Projects like the proposed \$50,000 park in the front of the post office we simply do not need and are not necessary. Yet this kind of project is eagerly supported by our council while essential services are given short shrift.

This upside down view of city management became crystal clear during the April, 1993, budget hearings when the Police Department established a need for new cars. I was shocked to learn that one police car has over 120,000 miles on it. Still, the Council voted against buying even one \$15,000 police car.

The fact is that our officials prefer to spend money on things they personally fancy than on what the community truly needs. I assume council members have refused to prioritize spending because that requires making some hard decisions. It takes political leadership. It takes understanding of budgets and community needs. But our council just doesn't get it; instead, we got higher taxes, less services and the promise of more of the same next year.

Only when residents take back control of our city will our tax dollars be spent where we need them. I look forward to that eventuality.

Howard Nieman, Jr.
Carmel

Overanalyzed the Photo?

Anita DeCarlo argues in her criticism of the recent juried photo exhibition at the Center For Photographic Arts that "Roses by any other name are still roses." While we all marvel at the beauty of the rose as an artist, it is much more interesting to contemplate what makes the rose a flower. As to your criticism of my piece "United States," you over-analyzed essentially photojournalistic images in terms of some presumed notion of fine art and failed to convey to the reader the interplay of light between the two images in the way the figure of the black man looking at the statue of Jackson was seemingly illuminated by windowlight cast by the burning of the cross. I thought it was a nice effect whatever its failings on a symbolic level. The title of the piece was a somewhat arbitrary choice based primarily on the need to call it by some name. Finally, I wanted to point out that "dyptich," according to my dictionary, is spelled "diptych," and my last name is spelled Pritnick, not "Pritkin."

Richard Pritnick
Carmel Valley

Trails Plan Threaten Property Rights

Monterey County property owners had better wake up and smell the roses. Politicians breed on apathy and count on it. Property owners should not sit back and allow a very few voices to fight for their property rights. This trail system the supervisors are trying to push through on your private land should be stopped immediately before proponents get too deeply entrenched with their liberal mentality of "what's mine is mine, and what's yours is mine, too."

This particular flagrant abuse of property rights is just a start. If they can accomplish this, property rights as defined in the constitution will be a meaningless, shallow jumble of words, written by ignorant clods who mistakenly thought an American's property was inviolable—that is sacred.

The lawsuits and divisiveness of our citizens fighting for their property rights and privacy will forever cause suspicion and distrust of our elected officials. There should be no uncertainty that our constitutional rights are not being protected by these people we put in office.

That is what they are elected for, way ahead of any reason there could possibly be to appease special interest groups.

I have been a life-long horseman and would enjoy being able to ride the length of the Valley on trails, but I would not remotely consider that I had a right to do that on other people's land.

The money and time that will be spent in the courts on this violation of the constitution I guarantee you would be better spent on projects that benefit the majority of the citizens of Monterey County and not an elite few.

J. N. Swanson
Carmel Valley

Enough Techno-Legalistic Arguments?

Your "Out and About" article in last week's Sun reflected, I believe, the sentiments of many, many of us out here. There are already more laws on the books than we need, yet the legislative branches at all levels indulge in political posturing by passing more! While one is sympathetic to Mr. Brady and can understand the zeal with which he and his supporters pursued the Brady Bill, it is unlikely that it will do one damn thing to reduce the criminal use of guns!

As you stated, it is indeed the judicial system that needs overhaul. Our zeal should be applied to enforcing the laws we have. Perhaps it is time that we consider appointing some non-lawyers to the bench. Maybe we could then move away from the hair-splitting, techno-legalistic arguments that seem almost invariably to end up favoring the criminal at the expense of the victim and society in general.

Our present system reminds me of the medieval clerics who spent countless hours in such irrelevant arguments as how many angels could fit on the head of a pin! We must correct the system so that when a serious crime is committed punishment is sure, swift and severe!

Gene Emer
Carmel Valley

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Voice of Carmel Seeks Sunset Center Opinions

By Isabelle Hall

How residents feel about an \$11 million "reconstruction" project at Carmel's Sunset Center will be one of the four key questions in the Voice of Carmel's sixth survey of local issues in January.

"It's the question most people ask me when I talk to them," said Pat Sippel, chair of the Voice, a group of eight people formed with the stated purpose "to provide non-partisan and objective information to residents and property owners on topics which are of public interest."

She stressed the word "reconstruction" rather than remodel as the Sunset project has been termed thus far. Mayor Ken White campaigned two years on redoing the aging former city school auditorium which serves as the community theater and will push it forward with Planning Commission hearings early next year.

An \$11 million refurbishing project proposed by the Portland, Ore., architectural firm of BOORA involves tearing down the existing theater and rebuilding it about 16 feet higher than the present structure.

Three other questions on the survey will ask people what they think about a city proposal for a paid parking program, whether they favor the construction of parking structures and how they feel about assessment districts as a source of city revenue.

The survey will be mailed out Jan. 10, asking that stamped postcards be returned by Jan. 24. It will be sent to 5,300 people which includes about 3,800 registered voters and 1,500 property owners. The past five surveys have had a response rate ranging from a low of 21 percent to a high of 30 percent. In addition, Sippel said people contribute as much as \$3,000 per survey to help with expenses in donations ranging from \$1 to as much as \$100.

"People are really very interested in commenting on things. This year we are leaving room for comments on the postcard but people write what they think anyway."

This year's survey also "will recoup the highlights from the previous five surveys and report the action or inaction the city has taken," she said. "People have been asking us for months when are we going to do another survey."

Both former President Olof Dahlstrand and Sippel have been attacked by some City Council members when they have presented their results to the Council in the past.

This year the results will be presented at the Feb. 1 council meeting and all the individual postcards also will be handed over, Sippel said. Other members of the voice include former Mayor Clint Eastwood, Robert Evans, Joseph Chaffers, Alan Williams, Fred Keeble and Howard Nieman.

"In the estimation of the Voice, it seems that the council is not interested in how people feel about some issues," Sippel said. "That's natural for people to get defensive. They think they're doing the best job they can. But when 60 percent of the people who respond to a survey say one thing, and you're still doing it?"

"The Voice feels they can do a better job if they acknowledge the opinion of the 25 to 30 percent of the people who respond. Don't ignore what people are telling you is what we're saying. I would like to know that all the work and effort that goes into this gets some attention. I think we're making some headway."

In March, 1992, then president Dahlstrand got a frigid reaction when he warned the council it was close to a "no confidence" situation for ignoring public opinion. One of the responses in that questionnaire showed that 30 percent of those responding opposed the city's decision to spend \$10,000 on a lawsuit to stop the Hatton Canyon Freeway.



PAT SIPPEL

Last April, Sippel was attacked by Councilwoman Barbara Livingston who likened the survey to "pseudo polls," evoking a personal apology by Toni Jepson of the Carmel Business Association. The key issue in that survey was whether there should be a Post Office Plaza as proposed by the 2016 Committee. Sixty-four percent of the respondents were opposed to the idea.

Asked how much part Eastwood played in the question selection, Sippel said, "He was very much a part of their April survey, and he is very much apart of this one and attended our meeting Dec. 9."

Among the highlights of the past related in this survey, she said, will be a question about how people felt about First Murphy Park. The response was 63 percent against, 24 in favor and 13 undecided, she said.

Sixty-three percent of the responders were opposed to more mini parks in February, 1992. Fifty percent did not want traffic calming measures such as tree planting in the middle of busy streets as proposed by the 2016 Committee in last April's survey, Sippel said.

"In February, 1992, we asked, 'Are you satisfied with the city's decision to prohibit property owners from cutting all trees larger than six inches in diameter without a permit,'" Sippel said. "Fifty-six percent said they didn't like it but now the laws are becoming even more restrictive on pruning trees."

Drive to Remodel Sunset Ticket Office Begun; Search for Cash, Labor, Materials

Friends of Sunset Foundation and Carmel Heritage have joined forces to lead a volunteer effort to remodel and enlarge the ticket sales and administrative office at Carmel's Sunset Center.

Once the principal's office when Sunset was still an elementary school, plans call for the office to be roughly doubled in size by the remodeling. The additional space will be gained from the Center for Photographic Art, which is next door, according to a news release from the two groups.

Friends of Sunset Foundation will contribute \$10,000 to the project, according to President Judy Thorlos, the money having been raised by volunteers conducting concession sales at Sunset Center cultural events.

Kay Prine, president of Carmel Heritage, said other needs are expected to be met by further donations of cash, material and labor.

Robert Paravacini, an architect and

Traffic Trigger Count•Carmel Valley Road

Segment	Trigger	1991	1992	1993
CVR-Holman/East	8487	3307	3421	3386
CVR-Esquiline/Holman	6835	3412	3656	3398
CVR-Ford/Esquiline	NA	10199	8783	8901
CVR-Laureles/Ford	11600	11537	11359	10961
CVR-Robinson/Laureles	12752	10959	10820	10692
CVR-Schulte/Robinson	15499	15545X	15896X	13601
CVR-R.S. Carlos/Schulte	16340	15897	16014	15110
CVR-Rio/R. S. Carlos	48487	18695	19308	19037
CVR-C. Rancho/Rio	51401	25881	24220	23360
CVR-Hwy 1/C. Rancho	27839	23377	25196	23935
C. Rancho-CVR/Rio	33495	12734	13240	13449
Rio-C. Rancho/Hwy 1	33928	14325	14747	15212

Source: Public Works Department

Traffic Falls Below "Trigger" Levels on Carmel Valley Road

Traffic on Carmel Valley Road dropped below so-called trigger levels in the Carmel Valley Master Plan in 1993, raising the question whether development fees imposed by the county to help pay for improvements on the road still are appropriate.

Director Jerry Gromko of the County Public Works Department was asked by The Sun if the trigger mechanism could be "unpulled," given the lower traffic count.

"Our interpretation of the master plan policies is that once the traffic trigger is activated, it requires corrective action.... However, if a couple more years go by and the traffic still is below trigger levels, we may need to revisit the issue and revise our corrective plans."

Judge Richard Silver, in approving the master plan after a long legal fight in the mid-1980s, imposed a provision providing for the traffic trigger mechanism. It stipulated that if traffic exceeded specific levels on any of 10 segments of Carmel Valley Road, the Board of Supervisors either had to impose a moratorium on development in the master plan area or initiate steps toward road improvements that would alleviate congestion.

In 1991 and 1992, the average daily traffic count (ADT) exceeded the specified level of 15,499 vehicles per day on segment No. 6—Shulte Road to Robinson Canyon Road.

As a result, the supervisors imposed building permit fees—just extended last week for another year—to help pay for improvements on the road to ease congestion. The fees are \$5,100 for an existing lot of record in the master plan area and \$13,800 for a new lot of record. Fees in the outlying areas of Cachagua and Rancho San Carlos are \$2,550 for an existing lot of record and \$6,900 for a new one.

Traffic counts on segment No. 6 showed an average of 15,545 cars in 1991 and 15,896 in 1992. However, this year, the traffic on that segment declined to just 13,601 cars on average—well below the trigger threshold.

Asked if the slowdown in the state's economy was the main reason for reduced traffic, Gromko said he did not know. "I really can't tell you what the contributors are, but my sense is there are a multitude of factors."

One factor could be the economy, he suggested, but another could be public reaction to the county's trip reduction efforts. "For two years now, we have been putting out information about the need to reduce auto travel to meet TRO (Trip Reduction Ordinance) requirements. I think heightened public awareness could be another factor," Gromko said.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) adopted a voluntary trip reduction effort for the area rather than a mandatory one. An initial two-year demonstration program encompassing Carmel, Pebble Beach, the Community Hospital area and the mouth of the Valley will not get into full swing until early next year.

But Gromko said the TRO had received "quite a bit of publicity, and employers already have started to do things" to discourage single passenger vehicle trips.

If the two-year program does meet its goals, Gromko said "it could establish a (lasting) trend beneficial not only to Carmel Valley Road but to Highway 1 as well."

He suggested that if the reduced traffic levels are shown to be permanent, it could be appropriate then to reconsider the needed improvements on Carmel Valley Road and the fees that have been imposed to help finance them.

Pat Goodchild, a TRO specialist on Gromko's staff, said letters would start going out after the first of the year aimed mainly at larger employers and tourist-serving businesses. They will ask businesses to assign a liaison person to work with the county on traffic surveys, maps to facilitate carpooling, improvement in mass transit schedules and possible incentives to encourage ride-sharing.

Asked what the goal of the program is, Goodchild cited the Public Works Department itself. She said surveys indicate that Public Works employees now average 1.1 persons per vehicle trip. "Our goal is to increase that to 1.35 persons per trip," she said. "That would mean that 20 percent of the people would share a ride at least one day a week."

Gromko said TAMC was a leader in the state in trying to achieve voluntary compliance with the TRO mandates. "TAMC is going to be under scrutiny to perform. I think it is great that it had enough confidence in the community to take a voluntary and cooperative approach... But if we don't show the required reductions, we will have to deal with the mandatory ordinance," he said.

In addition to the trigger being exceeded on segment No. 6 in 1991 and 1992, segment No. 3—Los Laureles Grade to Ford Road—came very close to trigger levels in 1991.

The specified threshold for that stretch of Carmel Valley Road is 11,600 average trips a day. In 1991, traffic counts set the number at 11,537. In 1992, the level fell to 11,359, and in 1993, it declined further to 10,961.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL. An employee of the Carmel Area Wastewater District reported the agency's mailbox was destroyed by vandals over the weekend. 12/13.

CARMEL. The manager of Carmel River Inn reported trespassers. Three juveniles were contacted by a deputy and left. 12/13.

Doors Found Open

VALLEY. A woman reported she returned to her home on Encina Drive and found the garage door and the door leading from the garage into the house open. A deputy reported there was no sign of forced entry, and nothing was missing or disturbed. 12/13.

CARMEL RANCHO. The owner of the Thunderbird Bookstore reported a subject tried to leave without paying for a book. 12/14.

CARMEL. A contractor who lives on Flanders Drive reported tools valued at \$980 were taken from his pickup between 12/10 and 12/12. 12/14.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on River Road took a pistol to the Monterey Sheriff's substation to be destroyed. 12/15.

CARMEL. An administrator at Carmel High reported a student was in possession of "a funny looking white powder." A deputy said tests showed it was chalk. 12/15.

Gas Skip Reported

RIO ROAD. An attendant at the Rio Road Chevron station reported the driver of a Jeep stationwagon left without paying for gas. 12/15.

VALLEY. A 12-year-old girl reported she was approached by a man in a white van who asked her if she wanted a ride home as she walked from Carmel Middle School. 12/15.

VALLEY. A woman complained a "reckless" driver followed her to her home on Cañada Way after she honked at him on Tierra Grande. 12/15.

CARMEL RANCHO. A clerk at the Thunderbird Bookstore reported she had a Carmel Valley woman in custody for shoplifting. The woman was cited and released. 12/15.

River Campsite Removed

CARMEL. A deputy said he found a campsite next to Carmel River Inn and took the equipment there to the sheriff's office. 12/17.

SOUTH COAST. A Monterey woman reported her car was entered while parked near Point Lobos on Highway 1. An investigating deputy said when he arrived at the scene, two other people told him their cars also had been broken into. He said all were ransacked, but nothing apparently was taken. 12/17.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Meadows Road said his mailbox and one belonging to a neighbor were damaged during the night. 12/17.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Marquard said something knocked a bird seed tray off her balcony railing. She said she suspected a prowler, but a deputy said no evidence indicated that. 12/17.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Woodside Place said he was attacked by his live-in girlfriend. A deputy booked her into county jail. 12/17.

Woman's Car Burglarized

CARMEL. A car belonging to a Santa Rosa woman was burglarized while parked on San Mateo. She said a desktop computer, printer, jewelry, camera, calculator, books and clothing were taken. 12/18.

RIO ROAD. An attendant at Rio Road Chevron said a woman who lives on San Carlos failed to return and pay for her gas as she had promised. 12/18.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS. A woman who lives on Mentone said 15 gallons of gasoline had been stolen from her son's van over the previous couple of weeks. 12/17.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Miramonte reported a possible intruder, saying the light was on in her workshop. A deputy said he could find nothing. 12/18.

Youth Sniffs Propellant

RIO ROAD. Safeway employees said they caught a youth inhaling the propellant in a pressurized can of whipped cream. The youth paid for the can, and a deputy said his parents were called in Cachagua to take him home. 12/18.

SOUTH COAST. Someone smashed the right rear passenger window on a car parked on Highway 1 near Point Lobos, got inside and opened the trunk, stealing a down jacket, man's dress shirt, woman's sweat suit and two VCR cassettes. 12/19.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS. A San Leandro man said his Ford Bronco was burglarized while parked on Highway 1 near the Highlands Inn. He said a watch, \$120 and a woman's purse were taken. 12/19.

Snubs Anger Transient

CARMEL RANCHO. An employee of Basking Robbins reported a transient came into the ice cream shop and became upset when customers didn't want to shake hands with him. 12/19.

VILLAGE. A Carmel Valley Village woman complained she was assaulted by her husband. A deputy found the man and arrested him and said he later telephoned from county jail threatening to kill the woman. 12/19.



A BRONZE BUST OF THE LATE Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, first commander of the 15th Air Force and longtime Carmel Valley-Pebble Beach resident, is now on display at the 15th Air Force museum at March Air Force Base in Southern California. The photo above, shown with Doolittle's grandchildren flanking the bust, was taken by Carmel resident Chuck Poland, a pilot with the 15th Air Force in Italy during World War II.

CAWD Directors Compromise on Pay

Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) compromised on a new compensation schedule that will pay them less than they formerly got but some of them more than they had agreed on just two months ago.

No formal vote was taken, but the board agreed to ask legal counsel Rob Wellington

to return in January with a redrafted resolution restoring payments of \$50 per meeting to CAWD directors who attend meetings of state organizations as directors of those groups. But as part of the compromise, they also agreed not to restore compensation to board members attending conferences, forums and seminars in general.

In October, the board voted to eliminate any payments for CAWD directors attending such state meetings the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) whether they served as officers of such groups or not. In the past, CAWD directors were paid \$100 for attending such meetings.

In November, members agreed to reconsider the question when director Charlotte Townsend, who had missed the October meeting, protested the change.

It appeared that the board might split sharply on the issue when it met Dec. 16, but with President Joyce Stevens taking the lead, members quickly reached consensus with little debate.

Director Paul Beemer, who had defended the ending of all payments to directors attending conferences, told The Sun he and director Art Haseltine, who will serve as board president in 1994, had discussed the compromise on the telephone in advance of the meeting.

"He and I came to a compromise," Beemer said.

Under the proposed new compensation plan, directors would be paid \$100 for each board meeting and meeting of the Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) that they attend. CAWD directors take turns attending monthly meetings of PBCSD, which contracts with CAWD for treatment of its sewage.

The schedule also calls for directors to receive \$50 for each meeting of a board committee that they attend—budget, personnel, pension plan and newsletter.

It also provides that no director may be paid more than \$600 a month in compensation. After The Sun reported that following the October meeting, Stevens complained that directors do not typically earn anywhere near that.

Under the new plan, directors will continue to be reimbursed for their expenses when attending conferences of organizations related to CAWD's role.

Townsend serves as a board member of CASA, and Stevens serves as a board member of WateReuse, a statewide group concerned with reclaimed wastewater.

Live Shells Found On Carmel Beach

Carmel may not be such a safe little town after all. Howard Skidmore said a man with a metal detector told the monthly beach cleaning crew from the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) he had found a cache of live ammunition on the beach.

"He showed me the bullets he found from a .44 magnum revolver and shotgun shells, seven of them still alive," Skidmore told The Sun. "He said they were about four inches under the sand about 25 feet from the southern end of the parking lot near a pathway."

Skidmore said he called the police and an officer came to check it out.

He said the man who found the ammunition was a retiree from San Jose who was visiting Carmel with his wife last weekend.

"He was just wandering around the on the sand. He looks for metal for fun. A lot of people do that," Skidmore said. A regular at beach cleaning sessions, Skidmore said he mostly finds cigarette butts.



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Staff Says It's a Policy Issue

Planning Commission to Decide on Cañada Woods Trail

By Isabelle Hall

Ducking the controversial issue of trails, the Monterey County staff committee on subdivisions recommended the Planning Commission approve Clint Eastwood's Cañada Woods project in Carmel Valley despite an outpouring of opposition from local residents concerned about a commercial center.

The project is tentatively set for a commission hearing Jan. 26 following action Dec. 16 by the Subdivision Committee, a group comprised of representatives of all the governmental agencies involved.

Chairman Owen Stewart pointed out that the committee's job was to consider technical issues and make a recommendation to the commission. "This is not the decision-making body," he said.

"Much of the comments we have heard apply to the use permit and would more appropriately be directed to the Planning Commission at a public hearing," he told the crowd. Residents primarily opposed the commercial aspects of the two-pronged development which has a 44-lot residential subdivision on the north side of Carmel Valley Road and a service center and employee housing on the south side.

Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis moved for certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approval of the project with the recommendation that the committee "defers the public policy issue of trails...It is best reserved for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors."

Committee members agreed with Eastwood attorney Tony Lombardo's contention that there was no county trails plan in place requiring a trail through the northern part of Cañada Woods to connect Jack's Peak with the Carmel River.

The bulk of the objections to the project combining Eastwood's property with that of Leonard and Emily Williams came from angry homeowners.

Larry Lombard, saying he represented five homeowner associations in the Quail Lodge area, presented a petition with 303 signatures in opposition to the commercial project but stressed, "We have no objection to 44 homes on the north side of the road. We think Mr. Eastwood has done a wonderful job." But, he said the group was concerned about the commercial plan "and how this will affect homeowners. Let's solve Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road traffic problems before anything is approved."

When Stewart asked for a show of hands by those who wanted to speak against the project, about 20 people responded. When he asked the same question of supporters, only Alan Williams, Eastwood's representative, raised his hand. Eileen Crane-Franks, representing the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), objected to the way the question was asked, however, as she later spoke for the project on condition some amendments were made.

Gary Tate, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District, said Lombardo was correct that there was no trails plan adopted.

"However, there is some intent," he argued. "There is a plan that has not been adopted, and it clearly shows a trail through the property. The committee should look at policies. There are numerous policies that talk about the desirability and requirement of trails...There have been many subdivisions in Carmel Valley where trails were required—Monterra, Quail Meadows, the Condon property and Pacific Meadows." He said the park district questioned Lombardo's interpretation that a proposed trail through the north side of Cañada Woods was not legal.

A Carmel Valley Trails Committee formed about five months ago has recommended that a trail be required as a condition of approval of Cañada Woods.

Others said they feared increased traffic, a wastewater treatment plant and an increase in students for crowded local schools

among other things.

John Rasch, representing the Prada del Sol Rancho Benito Homeowners Association, said it was concerned that "what started out as a model development of 44 residences and a service center had become 66,000 square feet of commercial development, which is approximately the size of Mid Valley Shopping Center...It's almost inconceivable that 66,000 square feet is being considered next to Quail Lodge."

Williams said, "The square footage that scares everybody is basically in the basement. The buildings (above the service center) are designed to sit above a large subterranean garage. The Carmel Valley Master Plan (CVMP) felt people with vehicles like RVs were better out of sight."

As to the commercial aspect, he said the Leonard Williams family had owned the property since 1906 and, "It is interesting that other properties they sold have been developed, and a lot of the people here are living on that land. If the same criticism was applied to them, they wouldn't be here now. Our plan is to have good neighbors."

One neighbor, Terri Brazinsky, however, attacked Williams and charged that all Eastwood's "generous acts of the past will be negated by this development. We no longer trust Mr. Williams and the direction he's heading." She complained that her house currently is sprayed with irrigation water from the agriculture land on the Williams Ranch and she did not want treated water from the proposed wastewater treatment facility on her house. She also said she had been denied due process because she was not sent notices about the hearings.

Mark Dias, representing the county Health Department, assured her that no wastewater would be allowed to cross property lines. He also said that farmers in Castroville were considering using treated water on edible food products, and "the technology is there for treated sewage to meet a certain standard."

Tom Davis, who lives on Valley Greens Circle, said the Williams Ranch "is one of the garden spots in America. That's why me and my wife moved here, and now we're going to change that. I can't believe it...We love to see the vegetables growing. That's why we moved here."

A newcomer, Bob Falkenberg, a Kansas City, Mo., developer for 38 years until he moved to the Valley a year ago, said he was building a new home on Tierra Grande and "had been on both sides of the fence."

"A more beautiful spot could not have been picked for this service center," he said. "It is the visual entrance to Carmel Valley. There must be another location in the Valley for a service center. It will be the breakdown of that beautiful, beautiful spot."

Julie Millsap, the Bike and Pedestrian Committee representative of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), said Carmel Valley Road is being considered as a designated scenic road. "I cannot see this is going to go forward for scenic designation unless specific measures are allowed (to include a trail)." She also claimed that the trail could provide for reduction of automobile trips through the Valley.



SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF A TRAIL through the northern part of Cañada Woods was Gary Tate, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall



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CV Ranch Lot Coverage Proposal Continued

The Planning Commission continued until Jan. 12 a hearing into a Planning Department proposal to increase the allowable percentage of lot coverage in Carmel Valley Ranch from 50 to 75 percent in some cases.

The Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee opposed the proposal.

"To base further development on a mistake of the past would just compound it," said Bill Salmon, advisory committee chairman. "We felt the new guidelines provide a density which is just too dense for the Carmel Valley Ranch."

The County Planning Department proposed increasing the maximum lot coverage from 50 to 75 percent in Homestead Place and Ranch House Place and from 25 to 50 percent in Carmel Valley Ranch Unit No. 3.

The Planning Commission took up the issue Dec. 15, but continued it when a hearing on a controversial new home in the Otter Cove area south of Carmel ran from 11 a.m. until after 4 p.m.

Ruth Pryer Hardesty, an advisory committee member, said when the county found out a number of the homes at the Ranch exceeded the maximum lot coverage, "their solution was to increase the lot coverage. We don't know how they all got over (the maximum coverage.) It would seem some-

one in the county—a building inspector or someone—did not check to see if it was within what was allowed."

Many of the existing homes significantly exceed the lot coverage, and changes in the specific plan would bring them into compliance and allow for structural additions without a variance, according to Ray Maculans, associate planner.

He said in the past, variances had been given, for example, to a family which had a handicapped member and needed to add a first floor bedroom. With the proposed change in lot coverage, he said the Planning Department could allow expansions of the homes in planned unit developments (PUDS) at the Ranch to be expanded without a variance provided minimum open space and landscaping standards are met.

In some cases, units at the Ranch were expanded as homeowners sought and received permission to close in patios, carports and other similar areas of their homes.

City Offices Close

Carmel City Hall and all city offices except the Police and Fire Departments will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Sunset Center has no business scheduled from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 and the director's office will be closed during that period. All Sunset Center employees are taking personal leave time, officials said.

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Which Area Is it In?

Otter Cove Home Okayed, But Neighbors Will Appeal

By Carolyn Rice

A Minnesota couple passed a major hurdle in their quest to build a controversial 7,625 square-foot, ocean-front home near Otter Cove, but opponents said they will appeal the Planning Commission's narrow approval.

Despite bitter arguments that the home will violate county scenic viewshed restrictions, county planning staff and county counsel recommended approval of the application by Wendie and Stephen Ryter. Officials said they had determined a building permit could be issued for the 5.6 acre parcel valued at \$3 million despite inconsistencies in county documents.

"I cannot believe what's occurring here today," said Commissioner Jo Stallard at the Dec. 15 hearing where the commission voted 5-4 to grant the permit for the parcel. It lies west of Highway 1, between the existing Otter Cove subdivision about six miles south of Carmel and adjacent to Garrapata State Park.

"I am appalled this is happening. I can't believe people who say they love this area want to destroy it," she said.

Stallard voted against the permit along with Commissioners Jerry Foote, Gloria Moore and Mo Orrett. Louis Calcagno, Miguel Errea, Manuel Jimenez, Calvin Reaves and Jose Vasquez, Jr. voted for approval, and Lynn Riddle was absent.

The key point in the controversy centers on whether the Ryters' two lots can be considered legally buildable plots in the Otter Cove subdivision or whether they are subject to critical viewshed preservation regulations which prohibit building on the coast. County documents regulating the parcel have been interpreted both ways.

The commission's resolution and a list of conditions placed on the permit will be mailed sometime next week, said Bud Carney of the Planning Department, noting the 10-day appeal period begins the day they go in the mail.

Attorney Larry Horan said he will file an appeal for the neighbors who live next door to the parcel, Linda Hanna and Mike Stimmler. He said he expected more than one appeal will be filed.

Horan said Hanna bought her property with the understanding nothing would ever be built to the south of her due to critical viewshed restrictions.

He said he does not agree with the county's analysis of the Big Sur Land Use Plan. "I can't agree with the interpretation Otter Cove means something more than the 17 lots now there," Horan said. "This one to me looks pretty straight forward."

Several planning commission members warned the Ryters they probably will face a legal battle in their pursuit of the home, but Stephen Ryter told The Sun he was prepared to go to court. "We absolutely want to spend the rest of our lives here," he said.

Ryter, who is moving to the peninsula from Minneapolis, said he was "very sad that our attempt to lead a less stressful life has been attacked by the next door neighbors and a number of interest groups."

He told The Sun the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee "made unreasonable demands" when it recommended denial of the permit.

"I have no doubt that this thing will probably end up in a legal suit," said Commissioner Calcagno.

Regulations for the property are inconsistent between the Big Sur Land Use Plan (LUP) and the Certified Coastal Implementation Plan, according to county staff.

Efren Iglesia told planning commissioners when inconsistencies exist between the general plan and zoning ordinances, the former prevails. The property is entitled to an exemption under the Big Sur LUP, Iglesia said, saying it would be the equivalent of the general plan.

"This is a classic example of how individual property rights and public rights are

at loggerheads," Iglesia said.

Carney said, "many, many hours have been spent on it by the county Planning Department and the county counsel. It is a difficult project and legally complicated."

In a letter, former fifth district supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman urged the Planning Commission to deny the permit. She called it "inconsistent with the Big Sur LUP and inconsistent with the intent of Monterey County to preserve the viewshed of Big Sur."

Strasser Kauffman said the Otter Cove subdivision exemption from the critical viewshed was intended to apply just to the 17-lot subdivision created some years ago.

"The application for development should never have been processed by the county, since it is inconsistent with the adopted coastal program," Strasser Kauffman wrote. "The attorney, owner and previously interested parties were so informed by both the Planning Department and myself during my tenure as county supervisor."

Strasser Kauffman said the parcel is within the critical viewshed and must be subject to that policy. "To do otherwise is to set a devastating precedent for other parcels along the 80-mile stretch of coast," she said.

Paul Campbell, who is selling the parcel to the Ryters, said "Since I've owned it, I've had nothing but headaches. My life's savings is what's coming out of that property."

Several of those who testified against granting a permit noted funds from Proposition 70 could be used to compensate the owner for full market value of the parcel. But Commissioner Jimenez questioned, "Why should we use \$3 million of public funds to get the view of a few hundred feet of coast?"

Attorney Tony Lombardo, who represented the Ryters, said the home would have very strict limitations on design and materials, and the Ryters were willing to deed the lot next to it to permanent open space. He said after deeding the lot on the north to perpetual open space, a 2.8-acre lot would remain for construction.

Ed Messick, president of the Otter Cove Homeowner's Association, said, "We always considered Otter Cove to be 37 lots. There was never any doubt that adjoining lots would be developed."

Gary Tate, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, said the county staff "has not provided any information to show the Campbell property is part of the (Otter Cove) subdivision." He said the maps the county referred to in defining the area were coastal access maps, not subdivision maps. "The interpretation being made here is incorrect," he said.

"I want to tell you those people who have seen this staking will tell you it's a pretty visible house," said a Yankee Point resident, Joanne Ratcliffe. She said the planning commission "should not carelessly go about destroying the viewshed."

Barbara Ranier, a member of the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee, said the committee had unanimously denied the application in October and voted 3-1 to reject design change in December.

Letters from the Sierra Club and League of Women Voters also urged denial. Richard Brinton, a 32 year Carmel resident, said, "In my opinion, if this is approved, it could be a blatant violation of the local coastal plan. This could very well be a test case for the Big Sur Land Use Plan," Brinton said.

White Files First

Mayor Ken White filed for re-election Tuesday, the only member of the Carmel City Council to do so.

White, 59, said, however, that he had not yet formed his campaign committee, and was "waiting to see who else is going to run." Councilman Bob Fischer said he was considering seeking the two-year mayor's position rather than another four-year council term but would make no decision until after the holidays. Councilwoman Barbara Brooks has said she would seek re-election to the council.

The filing period opened Monday and runs through Jan. 14 unless one of the incumbents fails to file and then contenders have another five days. The election will be held April 12.

City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer said it was not unusual to have no one file in the early stages of the filing period.

Former Mayor Barney Laiolo, who gave White a close race two years ago, filed at the last minute in 1992 because he did not want to see an unopposed candidate. He said he might to do the same thing this year.

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Since this will be the last column for the year I thought it appropriate to share some predictions in the tax area for 1994.

First, considering the quagmire of the state budget I think it's safe to assume that more taxes will be coming out of Sacramento. Also look for a modification of Prop 13 which will result in a property tax increase.

At the federal level, national health insurance will result in a series of new taxes. Given the demonstrated efficiency of the government running programs this new program may result in a significant tax increase over the years.

The idea of a value added tax (VAT) has been tossed about for years. A VAT is a tax levied on the incremental increase in value at each stage of a products production. Watch for a VAT to get serious discussion in 1994.

Despite the foregoing, I hope each and everyone of you have a prosperous 1994.

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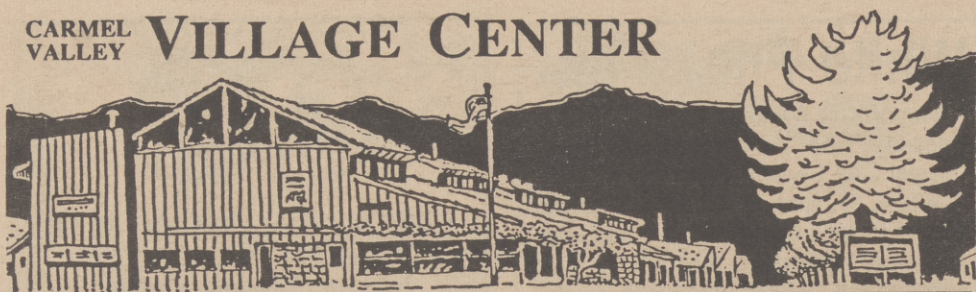
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Haddad Wants to Go Ahead

Karas Softens His Water
Agency Merger Proposal

By Stan Hall

Supervisor Sam Karas softened his proposal to consider some consolidation between the water management district and other area water agencies Monday night—and one of the new directors said he shouldn't have.

Karas told his colleagues on the water board that he was dropping his proposal for a study of possible consolidation of agencies for now in favor of a plan that would simply study whether some services of the agencies might be merged.

Karas had angered some of his fellow directors when he proposed that the county Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) study putting together the water management district with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Pollution Control Agency and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

After Karas made his toned-down proposal, reading from a prepared statement, new director Lou Haddad of Monterey noted that when he ran for the water board, he made support of consolidation of agencies a plank in his platform.

"I'm concerned about Mr. Karas' confining the study just to services. I think it should be a full-blown study into the consolidation of agencies."

"If we limit the study to services, that is probably saying that it will never come about. It's just a way of procrastinating, in my opinion," Haddad said. "I believe consolidation could save an awful lot of money. If you put two agencies together, for example, you might replace two bureaucracies with one and a half or one and a quarter."

Director Dick Heuer of Carmel Valley said, however, he was "strongly opposed to any merger." Other directors suggested they did not oppose Karas' proposed study of services, but several suggested a merger with the regional water pollution control agency wouldn't work.

Mayor David Pendergrass of Sand City, noting he had been a director on the pollution control agency for 15 years, declared "I don't see any compatibility."

Agreed director Jim Hughes, who served on the pollution agency board for 10 years: "It's apples and oranges."

Hughes, a Pacific Grove dentist who had been elected chairman of the board for 1994 earlier in the evening, added that larger organizations were not always more efficient.

He suggested in some mergers, "you could end up with the same bureaucracies with another added layer. In that case, you actually accelerate growth (of the bureaucracy). I'm very leery until we see (these proposals) spelled out."

Even Haddad said he had reservations about efforts to merge the water management district with the Salinas-based water resources agency. But in the end, all the directors agreed to support Karas' request for the district to cooperate with LAFCO in designing an initial study of services which might be merged.

Karas said he had modified his proposal after talking with Jim Cook, executive director of LAFCO. "We both feel other concerns should be addressed first. Such a (consolidation of agencies) study will be a long, drawn-out process involving a great amount of analyzing varied matters with the possible result of no action," Karas said.

He suggested it was important to try to realize any short-term savings or increased revenues possible because of the continuing state budget deficit.

"Because of the state of California facing an \$8-\$10 billion shortfall, it is realistic to assume that special districts could face another major financial hit," Karas said.

A member of LAFCO, Karas said Cook's staff had been directed to draft a so-called "draft scope of work" for a "preliminary sphere review" for LAFCO consideration Jan. 25. It would involve not

just the three agencies that Karas had initially proposed, but also the Pajaro Valley Water Management District.

Karas said the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District would be asked to approve the "draft scope" before any study was initiated. He added that a citizens' advisory committee might be appointed to help define the scope of the study.

"It is my firm conviction that as responsible officials, we owe it to the citizens of our district to provide the most efficient service at the least cost," Karas said. "Let us put personal feelings aside and work in a cooperative and constructive manner. Either we face this issue now or have the state intervene later."

Questioned by The Sun, Karas rejected a suggestion that he had "backed away" from seeking agency consolidation because of political pressure. "Because of the state's budget shortfall, I just want to try to do something really concrete that we can do right now," he said.

Karas said he could not provide an example of the kinds of services that might be consolidated.

But under questioning, he suggested he was thinking of internal services which all the agencies might have, such as accounting, as well as services the agencies might provide to the public.

River Adopts 18
Needy Families
for Yule Season

Students at Carmel's River School adopted 18 needy families in Salinas for Christmas, delivering presents to each person in the family along with food, Christmas trees and decorations.

Students filed out of their rooms Dec. 16, packing the gifts they have collected during the past two weeks into a caravan of vans which took them to Salinas.

Families who received the gifts had been housed by Shelter Plus, a nonprofit organization funded by grants and donations, until recently when they established their own homes.

Dana Vogelpohl, a volunteer from the Parent Teacher Association, organized the project.

"This is a wonderful project," said teacher Kay Pallastrini. "The children and their families have really gotten behind it."

In previous years, the school had gathered gifts for farmworkers, she said, but the students enjoyed knowing the names of individual family members and having more information about each person. Each class was given names, ages and clothes sizes. Families ranged in size from two children to seven. Some had two parents and some a single parent.

"We just brought what we thought they'd need," said Becky Davis, a fourth grader. "My Dad made a cheesecake."

Sparkling cider, pies, bread and rice were loaded into the vans along with soccer balls, dolls, footballs, clothes, sweaters, a radio and makeup.

One family was a single mother with four children. Her youngest daughter was born Dec. 6 and needed a crib. Joyce Esaki's third grade provided one and other presents.

"Through their unselfish actions the children from Carmel River School are showing how even the younger members our community can come together to help others less fortunate than themselves," said Joan Tregenza, Shelter Plus executive director.

Hughes Wins Water Chair as Farina Bows Out

By Stan Hall

Jim Hughes was elected chairman of the water management district board unanimously Monday night after fellow director Fran Farina unexpectedly dropped her bid to win the position for herself.

"In the interest of overcoming acrimony," Farina said she proposed that henceforth the chairmanship of the water board rotate on a predetermined schedule in the same way that the chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors does. Directors agreed to consider her proposal at their January meeting.

Farina, a non-practicing Carmel Valley attorney who had actively sought votes from other directors for her bid to become chair, endorsed Hughes to be chairman in 1994 with her serving as vice chair and moving up to become chair in 1995. In seeking to upset Hughes, Farina had argued that the board frequently did not follow its stated practice of having the vice chair succeed the chair.

Hughes, a Pacific Grove dentist, served as vice chair this year behind director Ken Long who did not seek re-election. After his election by a 6-0 vote, Hughes struck the same conciliatory note that Farina had.

"I'm glad to see us all pulling in the same direction," he said. "I'm going to dedicate next year to working for the dam."

Farina had complained about Hughes' support for a proposed 3-million-gallon-a-day desalination plant on Monterey Bay, saying that had diverted attention and energy from efforts to build a new Los Padres dam. Voters rejected the \$18 million desal project in June.

Observers, who had been expecting a lively fight between Hughes and Farina, were surprised when she opened the discussion of new officers by dropping her bid for chair and endorsing Hughes.

With new member Darlene Burkleo of Seaside absent, observers counted the outcome as probably a 3-3 tie if Farina's challenge had gone to a vote. Farina, Dick Heuer and Sam Karas were seen as ready to vote for her, while Hughes had his own vote and those of Mayor David Pendergrass of Sand City and another new director, Lou Haddad of Monterey.

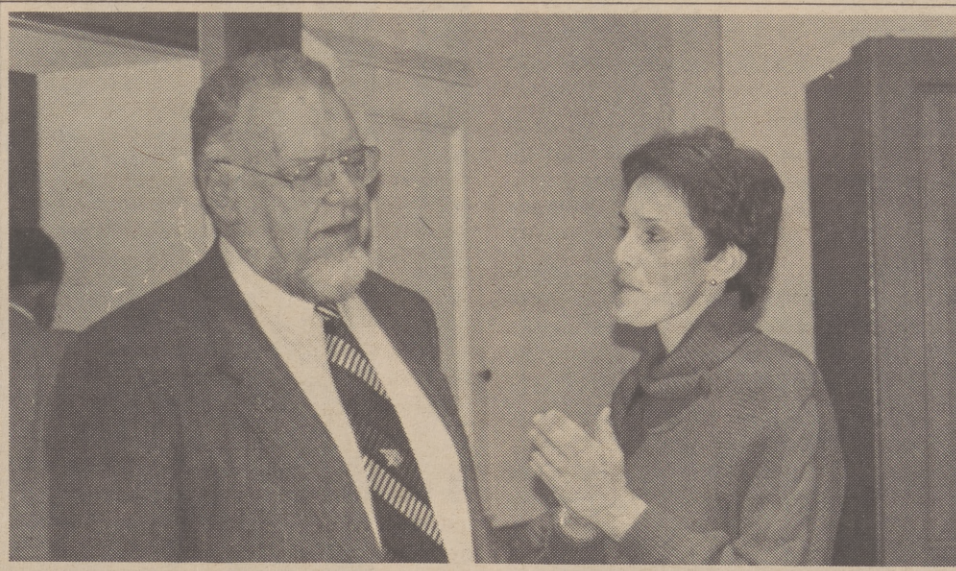
Asked during a break in the meeting if she also had counted the vote at 3-3, Farina nodded in assent. She was asked why she was now worried about splitting the board when she apparently hadn't been earlier when she was seeking votes.

"I was not aware of the division and hurt feelings it was causing," she said. "As time wore on, tension was building."

Burkleo had declined earlier to disclose how she intended to vote, and Farina said she understood she had been "under a lot of pressure." But she explained that Burkleo had missed her first meeting of the board because she had been called to Albuquerque on an emergency. "It's strictly business," Farina said.

Under Farina's proposed rotation plan, Burkleo would succeed Farina as chair, to be followed by Haddad and then other directors according to the voting districts they were elected from.

Burkleo and Haddad were the first directors to be elected from voting districts following the board's decision to give up its



DIRECTORS JIM HUGHES and Fran Farina talk during a break in Monday's water management district board meeting. Hughes was elected chairman of the board for 1994 at the meeting after Farina dropped her quest for the position, citing the need for harmony.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

traditional at large elections.

"I tried to formulate a system that would be fair and provide continuity," Farina said.

With the exception of Heuer, her fellow directors generally endorsed her concept. Heuer said it had "one major drawback—trying to locate someone willing to run for the board."

He said while the rotation plan might work well for the board of supervisors, supervisors "get a nice salary. On this board, you get a lot of guff."

He argued that if someone knew they had to devote time to serving as chair of the water board, they might be less likely to run for it.

Haddad suggested that Karas and Pendergrass, as voting ex-officio members representing the peninsula mayors and Board of Supervisors, should be eligible to serve in

the rotation. But both said they had no such aspirations.

In accepting the chairmanship, Hughes said the next year will be critical in the district's long-running efforts to win approval for a new dam on the Carmel River. He noted the final environmental impact report/statement (EIR/S) would be completed early in the year and the district's staff would begin working with the Corps of Engineers on any needed archaeological mitigations to protect Indian artifacts and historical sites.

He said he personally intended to work to improve relations between the district and California-American Water Co., which operates the region's water supply system under the policy direction of the water management district.

"My goal is to get that dam," Hughes said, "and if we're all pulling in that direction, that's a plus factor."



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MARISA MAHONEY, a Tulareitos first grader, decorated a Christmas ornament at a Girl Scout gathering at Carmel Middle School. The Scouts brought toys for the Toys For Tots program and food for the Monterey Food Bank to their second annual Festival of Giving.

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CV Village Auto Prototype Shop Permit Hearing to Resume Jan. 12

Changes in zoning regulations, the water management district's building moratorium and opposition from neighbors have blocked Herbert Adams' attempts to build a single family residence and auto design shop in Carmel Valley Village since May of 1990.

"It's kind of frustrating for the Planning Department, and I know it's frustrating for Herbert Adams," said Dan Chance, a county planner.

The Planning Commission continued until Jan. 12 its consideration of Adams' application for a 6,720 square-foot building on a lot on Via Contenta overlooking the Running Iron.

The staff recommended denial of the proposed project on a commercially-zoned lot on the grounds that the floor area ratio exceeds the 35 percent allowed in the Carmel Valley Village development criteria.

Planning Director Bob Slimmon said the department would support the application completely without the floor area ratio variance. But later he questioned whether the permit was submitted under the correct category. "We may well be in a position of having an incorrect application before you," he told the commission Dec. 15.

After the meeting, Chance told The Sun that when the application was first made in May of 1990, the Title 20 zoning ordinance allowed for heavy commercial uses on the lot. Then the interim Title 21 went into effect. It also allowed heavy commercial on the lot, and Adams again applied for the permit but was turned down Jan. 13 without prejudice because the moratorium prohibited any new water hookups at that time.

On July 20, the Board of Supervisors adopted zoning maps for the Greater Monterey Peninsula, rezoning Adams' lot to light commercial.

"We're still trying to decide what's allowed under light commercial," Chance said. "We have no definitive answer yet." He said the list includes such things as barber shop, book shop, bank, shoe store, convenience market, hardware store, hotel, motel, animal hospital or restaurant.

All of the uses would bring more traffic to the neighborhood than what Adams is proposing, Chance said. But the use Adams proposes does not match with any of the definitions of light commercial.

"I bought this lot three years ago, and I'm still trying to get a permit. Is that the American way?" asked Adams, a Jack's Peak resident.

Adams said he designs automobile parts and automobiles. His son, who works in the business, spends about half of his time selling parts and the other half building auto prototypes. The manufacturing is done elsewhere, Adams said.

Adams said he plans to sink the building eight feet into the ground which "will make the shop even more sound-proof." The living quarters are located on the second story.

Four nearby neighbors testified about their fear of excessive noise from the prototype operation and the possibility the building could later be sold and turned into an auto repair shop.

"It will create a high level of noise and lower the value of my home," said Bira Wells. "It is not a suitable place to build automobile prototypes."

Adams originally proposed a two-story building and then submitted a design for a one-story building in response to neighbors' complaints. Now he has submitted a different two-story plan.

The proposed two-story structure would have an actual lot coverage of 20 percent. But when the square-footage of first and second story are added together, the floor area ratio is 40 percent, exceeding the 35 percent limit set forth in Carmel Valley development criteria. Permits can be considered under either the floor area ration which is designed to curtail the bulk of buildings or the lot coverage.

Adams contends 1,200 square feet is underground and should not be included in the floor area ratio percentage. The criteria allows for underground space to be excluded, but the county has said two sides of the first floor will be exposed.

Chance said lot cover and floor area ratio calculations can both be used to determine the size of buildings. Floor area ratio is a "rather unique way" of considering buildings in Carmel Valley Village and in some coastal areas of the county, he said. It is basically used to control the bulk of structures, he said.

In addition, Village regulations state in order for square footage to be exempt from the floor area ratio, it must be underground. The staff report said that in the project submitted by Adams, the bottom story of the building is visible from two sides and does not constitute underground construction.

Adams said neighbors who have opposed the project most strenuously live in housing directly behind his lot which received a variance 20 years ago for public urban development. "They got the variance to build in a commercial area," Adams said. "They're the ones who led a petition drive and want to rezone."

Retiring Chief McGilvray Lauds Carmel Officers

Chief Jack McGilvray, retiring from the Carmel Police Department after nearly 12 years, said his proudest achievement was the competence and professionalism of his officers—including Capt. Don Fuselier who will succeed him.

McGilvray will be feted with a retirement party Saturday, Jan. 15, at the La Playa Hotel. Tickets, including a contribution to a gift, are \$35 per person. Reservations may be made with the department at 624-6403. His retirement is effective Jan. 15.

McGilvray, who said he plans to stay in the area after leaving the force, was asked about his proudest accomplishments in Carmel.

"We have a very professional law enforcement department. I would put it up against any in the county. Our officers have integrity and are hard working."

He also noted that the crime rate in Carmel has declined almost every year since he arrived from the Los Angeles Police Department in 1982. He said, for example, serious crime for the year so far is about 15 percent below last year.

As for Fuselier, McGilvray said: "I am not the least bit hesitant about leaving things in Don's hands at all. He is very competent and qualified..."

He also singled out Det. Pete Poitras, calling him "an excellent investigator."

Perhaps the greatest challenge to the department during McGilvray's tenure as chief came in 1987 when the Pope visited the peninsula, he said. "It was a huge undertaking. Our people did a tremendous job for a small department."

In retirement, McGilvray said he is considering doing some consulting or teaching, but has no definite plans yet.

Daily Temperature Will Set Inns' Nightly Rate

Inns by the Sea has come up with a different way to charge for rooms in its hotels in Carmel and Monterey during the cool winter months—by the previous day's temperatures.

The Carmel inns—Candle Light, Dolphin, Svendsgaards and Wayside—will charge based the previous day's high temperature reading. The group's Monterey inns will charge based on the previous low mercury reading. "It's more fun than playing the lottery," the owners said in a news release announcing the off-season pricing.

Valley's Judge Fields Challenges Proposed Municipal Court Change

Judge Michael Fields of Carmel Valley challenged a proposed settlement between the county and a Latino rights lawyer to elect Municipal Court judges from seven districts rather than at large.

In a letter to a three-judge federal court panel in San Jose, Field's lawyer, Michael Stamp, sought to intervene in the case. He charged that the proposed settlement could strip Fields of his 14 years' of seniority and allow the county to force Fields to see re-election from a district "50 or more miles from his original district or his residence." Fields' term expires next year.

In October, County Counsel Doug Holland announced the county had agreed to a settlement with Milpitas attorney Joaquin Avila who sued the county challenging its system of electing judges at large to serve in a consolidated Municipal Court system. Avila, who claimed the old system discouraged minority candidates for the bench, would receive \$250,000 in legal fees under the proposed settlement.

It called for the creation of seven election areas within the county, although judges would not have to live within their boundaries to be elected from them.

If the proposed settlement is upheld by the federal panel, the agreement will provide for the election of judges in 1994 from two election areas, East Salinas and East County, both of which have at least 75 percent Hispanic populations.

The state attorney general's office also has challenged the proposed settlement as violating the state constitution, but Holland continued to pursue its approval in federal court.

"As we read the proposed stipulation, it would allow the county to effectively determine which judges would be re-elected and when and to do so for reasons unrelated to the Voting Rights Act," Stamp wrote the federal court.

He also argued that the state constitution provides for a 10-month waiting period for Municipal Court elections once new districts are established with 10 months of the scheduled time for elections. He said the proposed stipulation would provide for elections within six months after boundary changes.

Stamp faxed his letter to Judges Ronald Whyte, James Ware and Mary Schroeder of the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Dec. 13, just one day before the deadline for intervention in the settlement by interested parties. The court had imposed the deadline on Dec. 2, but Stamp said Holland had not advised Fields of it.

Stamp argued that Fields was appointed to the bench in 1979 as Municipal Court judge of the Monterey Peninsula Judicial District, which required him to live within that district. He said he still lives there and was the last judge appointed to that district.

"The appointment of Judge Fields was to a position created before the county made the consolidations which the plaintiffs have alleged in this case to be discriminatory," Stamp said.

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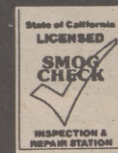
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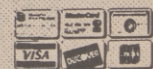
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A Personal Story

Christmas Ornaments Evoke Years of Fond Mem

By Carolyn Rice

Ornaments of woven wheat from the Kansas prairie are the most unusual decoration on our Christmas tree—an old-fashioned tree festooned with odd bits of this and that evoking memories of friends and family, good times and sad.

My predominantly red, white and green ornaments are mostly gifts from friends and family, and when I get them out to begin trimming the tree, it's like taking a trip back in time. My memories could fill a book.

While decorating our tree, I find myself laughing over some of the funny happenings of years gone by. The best story comes from several years back when I had gone slightly wild, selecting a tree that looked big but not that overpowering when I saw it in Kathy and Joe Maggiore's open field in Mid Valley.

When it was cut and delivered to my house, it was obvious that it was huge. When laid out, it stretched almost completely across almost our front lawn. "You have gone completely nuts this year? I don't think I can even get that in the door," said my husband, Bob, when he saw it.

But branches of too-big trees do squish together, and we finally set it up in the vaulted side of our living room where it touched the 14-foot ceiling. After it was up, I decided its best side was facing the wall, so I crawled under the tree and started to turn it around.

Down it came with a crash. I screamed and Bob and children ran into the room, yelling my name because they couldn't see me under that monstrous tree. But hearing my laughter, they realized no damage had been done, and our Christmas decorating soon continued.

Not all my Christmas memories are as happy. When I unpack my Christmas quilt to lay on the sofa by the tree, it reminds me to rejoice in each day. The quilt features star shapes with tiny white polka dots on red fabric and other gay Christmas fabrics. It was made last year by my lovely sister-in-law, Lyn, who visited our family last December. We lost her on May 4 after her long battle with breast cancer.

Whenever I look at the quilt, I hear her hearty laugh—unexpected from a person who was so petite. It was always worth the price of a long distance phone

call to Dunlap, Ill. to hear it. I recently told my brother, Frank, how much I enjoyed hearing that laugh. She may have been laughing with relief that all the crazy stories I told her were happening in my household and not hers.

Lyn set an example for living in the moment. Close friends who visited her at her home shortly before she died told how even at that point, she was able to give them a beautiful smile as she said good-bye.

As for the woven wheat ornaments, they came from my mother, Betty Howard, who still lives with my father, Frank, on the farm where I was raised seven miles north of the small town of Oakley, Kan. A friend of hers pursues the old pioneer folk art, weaving the stalks into intricate designs with the heads of the wheat serving as the major focus.

The wheat ornaments bring back memories of growing up on the farm with my dear family. My grandparents lived on the same farmstead, and their door was always open to my two brothers, Frank and Dave, my two sisters, Linda and Elaine, and me.

My mother had her hands full raising a family of five and working full-time as head nurse at our local hospital. As children, we all pitched in to help my dad, especially at harvest time. I enjoyed driving a wheat truck or cooking roast beef and homemade pies for the harvest crew.

My wooden, hand-painted ornaments—a Christmas tree, a reindeer, an angel, a mouse and a number of other holiday figures—date to 1972 when Bob and I lived in Westport, Conn. We were expecting our daughter, Pam, who will be 21 this Dec. 31. I painted as I waited, the pieces of wood



NONE THE WORSE FOR WEAR Carolyn Rice poses with her family for a Christmas picture after the tree fell on her. Her husband, Bob, and their children Pam and Jim, gathered together with their dog Howie for the 1986 shot.

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fitting together to create three-dimensional ornaments.

The bubble lights bring to mind Bev Hightower, my Westport, Conn., friend who thinks a tree isn't complete without bubble lights. She gave birth to her daughter, Holly, a few weeks before Pam was born. We shared our babies' every burp during their first year. No one else in the world could have managed to listen to our daily conversations about our babies.

That year, I added to my collection the felt decorations tied onto baby presents. I still have a stork—although the baby which it carried in its bill has been lost—a lion and a clown, reminding me of when our firstborn arrived to add a new dimension to our lives—and just in time to be a tax deduction.

In 1975, our family moved to California, and our son, Jim, who is now 18, arrived. Thereafter, our ornament collection grew immensely as the children created little holiday treasures while they were in nursery and grade school.

One ornament bearing a picture of Pam when she was in second grade still makes me feel bad; her swollen face looked like she had been the victim of something terri-

ble. She had. It was a close encounter with poison oak, and her reaction lasted for more than a month.

Pictures of Pam and Jim's young faces glued onto ornaments they made over the years fill my heart with thankfulness we were blessed with children. Kindly souls, both of them, Pam's astute observations and Jim's zest for living every minute of life to the maximum enrich our lives daily.

When I hang Santa riding a fire engine on the tree, my thoughts turn to Bob. He was a volunteer at Mid Valley Fire Department for 15 years before becoming a board member several years ago. He is my most loyal friend and constant supporter—a forever friend an ornament he gave me says. Our 25th celebration is remembered when I hang a wedding bell ornament inscribed with our names given to us by Cindy and Steve Dyer.

Bob and I will celebrate our 28th Christmas together this year. My parents-in-law, Nettie and Bill Rice from Emporia, Kan., added their support to our union through the years, and we still miss Dad Rice who passed on nine years ago.

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Memories

brings to mind Betty Rowe who now lives at Carmel Valley Manor. I always called her my guardian angel because for years she lived in a home looking down on us from a hill above our house in Mid Valley.

Recently at lunch, she reminded me of the day her husband, Pete, died after a long illness. I saw her at her mailbox and after hearing her sad news had invited her to share our evening meal with us. Bob, wanting to keep the occasion on an even keel, asked our son, Jim who was six at the time to say grace. Jim thanked the Lord for the food and the day and ended simply by saying: "Take away the sad things, Lord."

The grace was a touching moment for Betty and the rest of us who had lumps in our throats. To this day she says she tells friends how much the evening meant to her. I fondly remember her when I hang the lovely ornament she gave me which was stitched by the talented Pebble Beach seamstress, Marilee Wandke.

Another neighbor and close friend, Ethyl Radowicz, has given me a number of ornaments—peppermint sticks with felt horse heads, a Santa made from a clothespin and a mouse made from a walnut shell. Memories flood my mind of the Thanksgivings and Easters our two families have shared since our four children were young as I look at those whimsical decorations.

Anne Louise Littlefield, a neighbor in Richmond, Va., sewed and stuffed the brightly colored, cotton print hearts trimmed with lace that grace our tree every year. She was born in Sweden and loved making things. I can't help but chuckle when I see the hearts and remember how she always said "wacuum" cleaner, not being able to pronounce a V sound.

Sue Walgenbach, a nearby neighbor and friend for almost two decades, gave me a tennis racquet decoration for our tree, knowing of my devotion to the sport. Our most exciting shared adventure was when the Walgenbach's 14 year-old daughter, Lisa, was born eight weeks early. Sue's husband, Tom, was away on a business trip, so she asked I if would come be her support person.

I had read about people's knees knocking together but had never had the experience until that day. As I stood by the delivery table, my knees banged together so hard, I wondered why people didn't hear them. Sweet little Lisa weighed 4 pounds, 7 ounces and was born in the late afternoon. I was still awake at 4 a.m. the next morning, so much adrenaline was coursing through my system.

Later, Tom stopped by our home and said they weren't quite ready to bring their tiny daughter home, explaining they had been caught off guard by her arriving so early.

"You've had the baby. Now you have to take delivery," I remember my husband telling him.

A baked dough ornament shaped into a shaggy dog reminds me of our small dog, Snuffy, who was part poodle, part terrier and who knows what else. Now buried in our back yard, we had her funeral with Bob praying over her and the children and me crying our hearts out.

The shaggy dog ornament also reminds me of my good friend and tennis partner, Carol Allen, who gave us Snuffy. We spent a pleasant day shopping at a Watsonville crafts show on the day I bought the Snuffy look-alike figure. Carol has helped me through my tough times by being one of the best listeners I know.

Not all of my ornaments are handmade. Since 1974, I've been collecting the Hallmark dated ornaments and have a whole series of Eskimos and some of other dated pieces. Jim asked me what I wanted for my birthday early in December and I suggested a dated ornament. "Oh Mom, you don't need that," he teased, saying that's what I always tell him when he asks for something silly.

Emergency Repair Materials Okayed For Riverbank Use

Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District voted 5-1 Monday night to authorize the purchase of \$6,000 worth supplies to have on hand during the wet season for use in making emergency riverbank repairs if necessary.

District Engineer Andy Bell said that \$4,500 worth of rip-rap—large boulders for lining restored banks, in this case—would be purchased along with filter cloth, posts, cable and wire mesh. He said it would be stored near to areas which might need repair during a wet season—Hacienda Carmel and just upstream of Schulte Bridge.

He said the two vulnerable areas—he called them "soft spots"—were discovered when district employees made their annual walk of the riverbed. If the supplies are not needed during winter, they will be used next summer to make permanent repairs, Bell said.

Lou Haddad of Monterey, attending his first board meeting as a director, voted against the expenditure, complaining about use of public funds to "enhance private property. Why are we getting involved?"

At the urging of other directors, Counsel David Laredo explained the district had agreed to protect the Carmel River as part of a program of mitigations to help offset damage done by over-pumping of the aquifer beneath it which killed some of the vegetation which formerly helped hold the banks.

Haddad also voted against two other small expenditures, the purchase of a wood chipper for \$10,856 to help dispose of limbs and trees removed from the river during cleanup and a \$4,232 crane and reel for use in measuring river streamflows during periods of high water.

Director Dick Heuer told Bell he thought it was important to protect Hacienda Carmel from possible flooding. Saying it was built essentially on a delta, he said flooding could cause hardship because many elderly people live there.

Bell argued that repair materials are sometimes difficult to acquire quickly during the wet winter months, citing in particular material from quarries which might be hard to get to because of muddy roads.

He also said that the management of Hacienda Carmel offered to pay 25 percent of the cost of any needed riverbank repairs, although he said he made it clear that the retirement community had no obligation to do so.

Jeffers' Sons Write Tor House Books

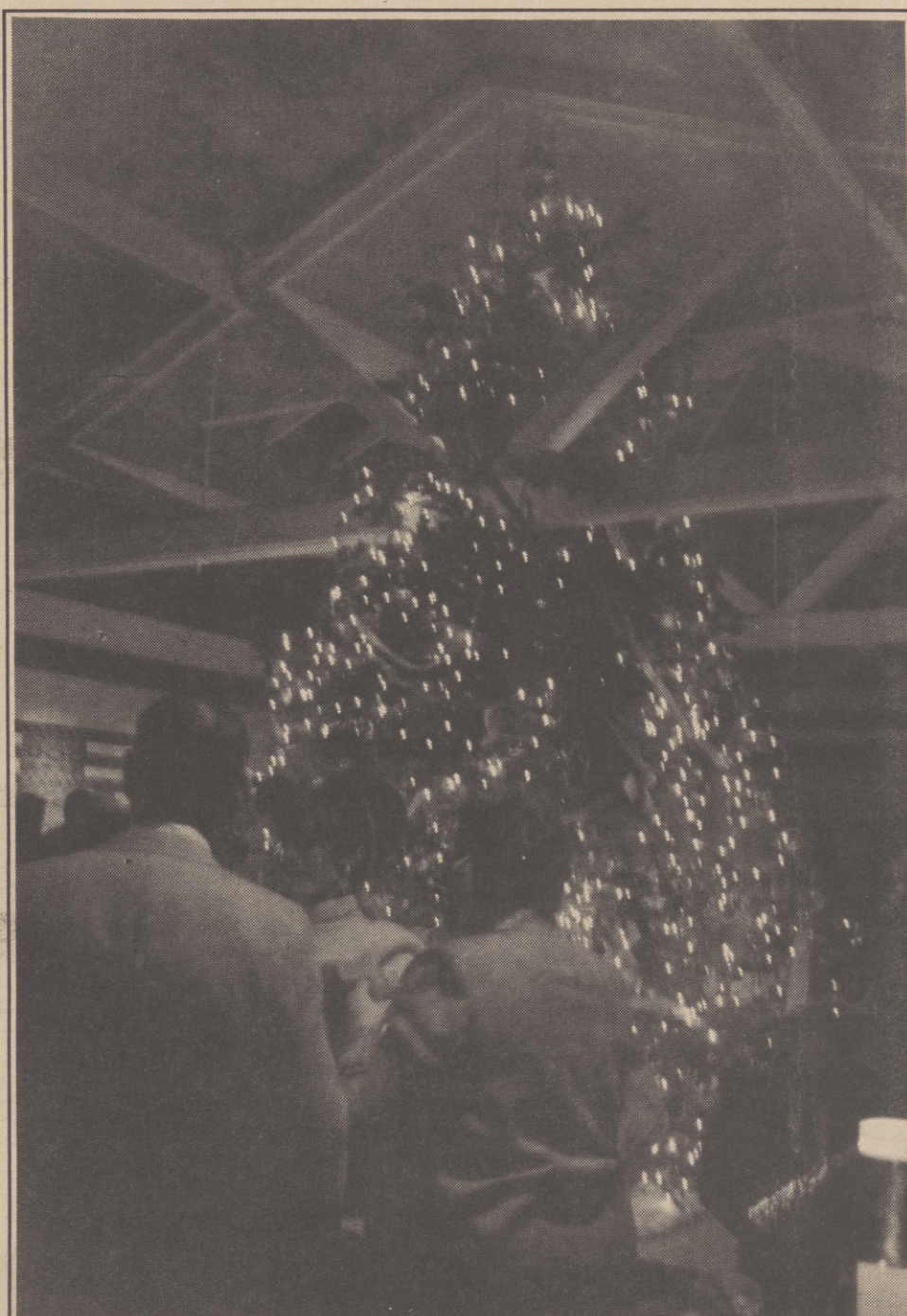
Tor House Press, an offshoot of the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, has published two small companion texts about the poet and his famous house as written by his sons.

Memories of Tor House by Garth Sherwood Jeffers and The Building of Tor House by Donnan Call Jeffers relate life at the house and tower on Carmel Point that has become a landmark. Both are available in paperback at the foundation offices in Sunset Center or call 624-1813.

Memories of Tor House is a just completed reminiscence by Garth Jeffers, the surviving twin son of Robinson and Una Jeffers. It recalls events of family life from 1919 when the Jeffers first moved to The Point.

The Building of Tor House is a retitled reprint of an essay written in 1980 called Some Notes on the Building of Tor House. It details the Jeffers discovery of the "tor," or outcropping, and the adjacent property that became the location of the stone house. Each book contains nine original family photographs with captions by Garth Jeffers.

The books sell for \$10. A special collector's edition of the set also is for sale at \$245.



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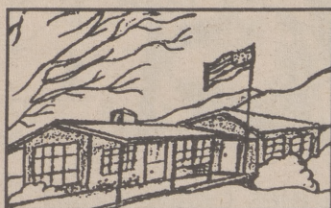
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DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

By Janey Bennett

During this Holiday Season, Carmel Mission has been or will be the site of Christmas concerts by three choral groups, the subjects of this column.

I Cantori di Carmel

Led by Dr. Sal Ferrantelli, I Cantori di Carmel presented an interesting and varied program of music by Palestrina, Bach, Puccini's grandfather, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Verdi, Respighi and Rachmaninoff. The chorus was well schooled, and their voices blended well into a single presence.

The program was an intelligent, logical journey through music of the season. It began with Palestrina's Canita Tuba (Sound the Trumpet), a sixteenth century polyphonic Advent motet. The interaction of the voices was clear and joyous, and the pace and mood of the concert was well established.

Three Romantic composers' versions of the celebration of the Annunciation (that is what the Ave Maria is, after all!) followed. Brahms' Ave Maria Op. 12 was performed by the chorus joined by the mission's organ, played by William Zeitler. It was a dynamic and exciting interchange. Verdi's Ave Maria from Quattro Pezzi Sacri, had a very different character, and Rachmaninoff's Bogoroditse Devo (Rejoice, O Virgin) from the All Night Vigil, Op. 37 is a dark and mysterious piece of music, reminding us that the Roman church and its descendants is not the only tradition honoring the story of Christ. I Cantori's performance of the Rachmaninoff was extremely subtle and sensitive.

For the concluding work of the first half, and for the entire second half of the program, the chorus was joined by members of the Monterey Bay Chamber Orchestra.

The Magnificat by Giacomo Puccini Sr, grandfather to the Puccini we all know, was an interesting, if lesser, piece of music. It offered nice solos by Soprano Leberta Renfro and Baritone Charles Geren, both members of the chorus.

Bach's Cantata 142, Uns ist ein Kind ge-

boren (For us a child is born) began the second half of the concert. The soloists were Contralto Linda Purdy, Baritone Alan Gilbert and Tenor Michael York, who is associated with the ubiquitous Opera San José. Their voices were strong and well-balanced against the chorus and orchestra.

Mendelssohn's fragmentary Christus, Part I: The Nativity, Opus 97, was not as exciting as the rest of the concert. I'm not sure why. I think I hold Mendelssohn responsible.

Respighi's Laud to the Nativity was a splendid, nourishing piece of music. The soloists were Soprano Kathleen Nitz as the Angel, Mezzo Soprano Linda Purdy as Mary and Tenor Michael York as the Shepherd. All were very fine voices, but Kathleen Nitz' voice really soared angelically. For this piece, the orchestra was comprised of winds only, and the interaction of Linda Purdy's voice and the oboe was quite magical. This was a delicious conclusion to a very pleasant Christmas concert.

Camerata Singers

In contrast, the Camerata Singers, led by Dr. Vahé Aslanian offered an ambitious but disappointing concert, in which the group's voices were challenged beyond their abilities.

They began with three settings of O Magnum Mysterium, the first by Jacob Handl, performed by choruses at the opposite ends of the mission's nave. This was a good idea, and should have been acoustically dramatic, but the sound was not crisp and the effect dissolved into indistinct sounds. The second O Magnum Mysterium, by William Byrd, was even less clear, but the third, by Tomás Luis de Victoria, was really quite nice, with a good range of dynamics.

Soprano Pamela Sebastian sang Scarlatti's Christmas Cantata, with a harpsichord and small orchestra. Her clear voice gained confidence during the piece.

Purcell's Christmas Anthem concluded



MEMBERS OF CHANTICLEER pose together in a photograph by Christine Alicino.

the first half, with soloists Katherine McKee, mezzo soprano; Andrew Morgan, tenor; and Paul Cosentino, bass. This work simply overwhelmed the abilities of the soloists.

The second half of the concert was Bach's Magnificat in D Major. Everybody tried hard, but the whole evening would have been better served with music selected to use the abilities and qualities of the voices available.

Chanticleer

In contrast—and I know it is unfair to compare a professional group with an amateur one—Chanticleer, who will be performing again this year at the mission on Dec. 23, repeat year after year music which has been honed to a fine edge. What they perform is not simple, anything but, but it

appears so because it is *clear*. How much better it is to move an audience with clarity and excellence than to try to dazzle with fancy footwork and not succeed!

Chanticleer's program will include works by Palestrina, Joaquin des Prez, William Byrd and Franz Biebl, along with medieval and Renaissance music and spirituals of the season. The group is composed of 12 highly-trained male voices: five countertenors, three tenors, two baritones, one bass-baritone and one bass. They begin their concert in our mission by one voice off-stage singing the first part of an eighth century Gregorian Chant. Then they appear, carrying candles, 12 voices singing absolutely as one. It's quite an event. If there are any tickets left, for Thursday night's performance, DoReMi will have them.

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

Some Old Masters at the Levin Gallery

How "old" can a master be in a medium that's so young? Photography is the newest of art media. Even if you go back to the earliest discussions of camera obscura by Roger Bacon in the thirteenth century, it would still be newer than painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture.

But photography itself, the whole idea of creating images from the action of light, came much later. Louis Daguerre (a Parisian painter) is probably credited with the invention of photography because of his success with silver compounds in 1839. The results were called daguerreotypes. Needless to say, many, many people contributed their research and ideas between Bacon and Daguerre. Man has always been an image maker and always will be.

I think man has been most preoccupied with image-making of himself, a fascination with himself. It didn't take him long to make a mirror. So, it's not surprising that the first use of the daguerreotype was for portraiture. The next use was to report and record events. But then isn't that still man's fascination with himself and his doings? Interestingly, the first photographic reportage was of a war, the Crimean War in 1855.

Clearly, much has happened between then and now with the process of photography and certainly everything possible has been photographed, but I think some of the most stunning work in this century has been done with portrait and reportage. There is a psychological impact of our own image that can't be denied.

This is something that gallery owner Russ Levin and I agree on. His airy, light-filled gallery above his shop on Calle Principal in Monterey is filled with over 40 outstanding photographs from his own collection, largely people. The earliest picture in the collection is the official presidential portrait of Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 by Edward S. Curtis; the most recent a picture of Brett Weston taken by Russ Levin in the summer of '92.

Edward S. Curtis is most known for his photographs of the American Indian. He was a truly honorable pioneer and a pioneer photographer as well. Aren't we lucky. Because he was one of the few white men in the 19th century to be concerned with the plight of the Indians, they accepted him. A rare man he was appalled at the

massacres of these beautiful people and the missionary attempts to destroy their sacred customs. He spent years among the Indians attempting to preserve something of their beauty through the lens. His photographs are straightforward, well lit, technically perfect, and they reveal his own deep feeling for the dignity and grace of the American Indian.

Russ Levin is well known to all area photographers as a good friend who has often exchanged supplies from his shop for a print to help struggling photographers. He is a good photographer himself, though he keeps that candle under a bushel basket, aiming the camera at people "from the hip," unposed and unaware. In the summer of '92 Brett, with Russ along as he often was, went off to shoot fog. Russ shot Brett. Aren't we lucky. Here is this wonderfully touching picture of beloved Brett doing what he loved to do—taking pictures. The photograph reveals age in Brett's stance, yet a concentrated determination. The road containing Brett stretches clean and sharp in the mid distance, soft fog framing them. A good shot.

Aren't we lucky Cole Weston captured Edward Weston. He stands almost as old as the rocks at Point Lobos, composed in their shadows, a part of it all.

And, there are many prints (by Cole Weston) of Edward Weston's negatives. Extraordinary stuff. You've seen these nudes in history books. Now's your chance to see—and own—the real thing. The print Edward Weston made of friends (including

Jean Dickie) arranged in Dynamic Symmetry is not for sale, but there to marvel at. Another actual print by Edward Weston, Krishnamuri, is one I have not seen before. It is the most sensuous display of hands, velvety blacks, magical face.

There's more. I was amazed to see some of the greats represented. We don't expect to see such here in provincial Monterey. Alfred Eisenstaedt was one of the first modern practitioners of photo-journalism. He was an outstanding from-the-hip photographer, stuff I love best: the soul revealed in the ordinary when the people are unaware of the camera. He had a fantastic eye for the drama of composition for the mundane. Life Magazine snapped him up in 1935. Thank God for Life. They've given support to many greats.

His 1938 study of Marlene Dietrich in Berlin is a post shot but he caught the essential Dietrich, the siren, the mystery. Another study of his here is of George Bernard Shaw—the essential Shaw.

You know who Edward Steichen is, the best known photographer of his day. The picture here is a portrait of Mrs. Eugene Myers, the wife of the Washington Post owner and a model for Rodin.

Not so well known, Lou Stoumen made shooting from the hip and the fascination with the ordinary man the basis for his photography. This is the kind of work that touches and reveals us all. "Sailor and Girl in Subway" could never tell such a story if the sailor and his girl were aware of the camera.

Another not so well-known who should be is Berenice Abbot, a photographer from the past. She was a student of Man Ray's and is best known for her shots of all those fellow eccentric expatriates living in Paris. This one is of James Joyce, typically straightforward.

Moving through time. Do any of you remember the wrenching photograph in Life of the Japanese mother holding her disfigured daughter's naked body in a bath? I've never forgotten it, saw it again and cried. He caught the undying universal love on the mother's face that surpasses any Madonna, the vacant helpless gaze of the daughter. The same photographer did the picture of two children holding hands walking toward the light that was used for the theme of the Family of Man. The name of the photographer is W. Eugene Smith. The picture in this show, "Spanish Wake," is equally remarkable. He had been allowed only one shot. Amazing what he did, but then it was his nature.

There are also excellent pictures here by contemporaries, some names you are familiar with if only having read them here in Brushstrokes: Ryujie and Brad Cole. But time runneth out and I've drawn you in, so go see it.

CV Yule Tour Raises \$805 for Youth Center

Organizers of the first Country Christmas in Carmel Valley tour reported that it raised \$805 for a new Youth Center at the Carmel Valley Community Center.

John Muth, chief concierge at Stonepine Estate Resort and organizer of the tour, predicted the event would become an annual affair based on its acceptance this year.

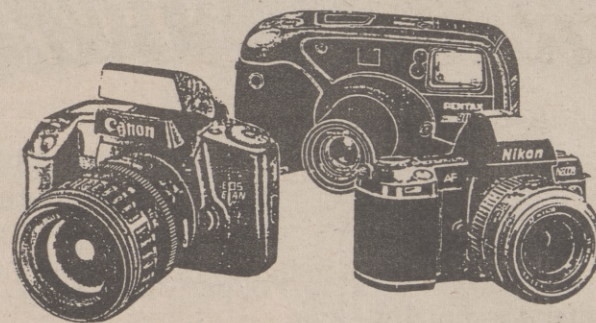
He said 147 people took the tour on four different occasions, visiting Quail Lodge, Chateau Julien, Carmel Valley Ranch, the Ridge at Robles del Rio, Stonepine, Bernardus Winery and Los Laureles Lodge when they were decorated for Christmas.

At each stop, participants were also treated to hors d'oeuvres, cookies and Christmas libations. Muth said that with the contributions of those businesses and American International Rent-a-Car, which furnished the van for the tour, \$805 was realized for the Youth Center.



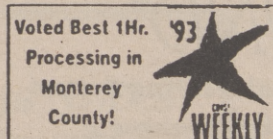
EDWARD WESTON'S "Nude 1936" is one of the photographer's negatives printed by Cole Weston on display at the Russ Levin Gallery in Monterey.

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BY MARK EATON

What kind of year was it in your garden? It should have been a good one. With the wettest winter in 10 years, established trees and older shrubs received all the water they could handle and then some.

Even though we had close to normal rainfall the previous year, we were still on "voluntary" water rationing. If you exceeded your allotment in 1992, you received in the mail a somewhat stern warning, with some literature on water conservation and an article on drought resistant plants reprinted from Sunset Magazine.

No such thing in 1993. The drought was officially over. We were warned in the media not to go overboard, as water conservation should be a way of life in our region anyway. People do a very good job of water conservation on the peninsula so most of you can take a bow!

For those of us in the nursery business, we thought it was going to be the big year we had all been waiting for with people pounding on the gates in the morning to get in to buy plants and supplies so they could go home and get to work.

It didn't happen.

The recession has left none of us untouched, and unfortunately we were touched pretty hard.

I picked the nursery industry as a career for a number of reasons. First and foremost are the plants. They are endlessly fascinating. You can work diligently and study horticulture your whole life and still learn only a relatively small percentage of what there is to know. Another reason is to be able to spend much of your time working outdoors in the fresh air (when I can escape the paperwork).

A third reason is that the nursery business had always been known to be somewhat "recession proof." If money is tight and people can't afford that dream vacation, maybe they'll stay home and work in the yard. This was always what the oldtimers in the business told us younger folks.

This time it hasn't panned out, especially for those of us who haven't been

in business for that many years, and don't own our nurseries free and clear or close to it.

This column is about gardening, and we like to keep the politics out of it. Politics are for other parts of the paper; Trowel and Hoe is where you can get some relief.

But as a business owner, I'd like to talk about something besides gardening just this one time.

We know that the recession in this country and particularly in California is a complex, many-headed monster with no simple solution. We also know that in Monterey County the biggest factor in economic recovery is going to be the conversion of Fort Ord to whatever it is going to be.

What I'm seeing so far is the same jockeying for position, the same endless discussion, and the same degree of hot air we experience in just about every political procedure that occurs in this county.

It has to be done carefully, and it has to be done right. But we have got to get off the dime on this one, guys, and put it on fast forward. Small business people can't sit around and wait while the classic, slow-motion Monterey Peninsula-style politicizing buries us in rhetoric.

Bills have to be paid, and families have to be fed. We need our local citizens to be able to have the confidence to part with some of that hard-earned money to support their local merchants. If there were ever a time in the last 50 years for government to be "by the people and for the people," it surely is now. Enough said.

I think 1994 is going to be a better year for all of us, and I can hardly wait to get it underway. Early January brings in the bare root stock. Fruit trees, roses, and other ornamentals. My favorite time of year as a nurseryman.

From all of us at The Sun, have a safe and happy holiday.

Mark Eaton is a partner in Carmel Valley's Begonia Gardens Nursery.



MEMBERS OF THE MONTEREY BAY EQUESTRIANS stop for a group photo after building a new fence along the horse trailer parking lot at the Valley's Garland Ranch Park. Club treasurer Caroline Spicher said materials for the fence were purchased with proceeds from the club's annual Poker Ride which is held in September in Garland Park, and labor was provided by volunteers from the group.

Kersnar Hopes Carmel Has Hit Bottom

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was up for approval, but the council said no. The council will receive a mid-year budget review and a preview of 1994-95 at a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 18. It also will discuss the status of its goals.

"I think we've got a real mess in California," Kersnar told The Sun. "I don't think people know where the money comes from and goes. I work in this field 40 hours and more a week, and I don't understand it all."

Kersnar, who took over the top Carmel management post last March, is concerned about how Carmel will fare if a proposed state reorganization results in the same amount of money being distributed on a different basis to cities and counties.

"If this happens, I suspect Carmel is vulnerable because we have such a high per capita revenue," he said, reaching for a calculator to show that Carmel gets a total of \$1,600 per capita in total revenue, \$350 of it from sales taxes, \$585 from hostelry taxes and the rest from other sources such as parking tickets.

He compared this to the \$125 per capita received by Cathedral City, a retail-dominated community where he was assistant city manager prior to coming to Carmel. "My concern is that the state may be saying 'We have plenty of money for local government.'"

"As a citizen of California and a professional government administrator, I think this is long overdue," he said of state reorganization, "but it will result in a big shift of revenues away from us."

Asked how a community like Cathedral City in the Palm Springs area can run its government on such little revenue compared to Carmel, Kersnar said the desert city of some 35,000 "had no public library, no community cultural center and a police force about twice the size of Carmel."

There's no doubt that visitors cost Carmel money, he said, with added burdens on the Police and Fire Departments, the Forest and Beach Department and Public Works but, "We make money off visitors. We receive more in visitor revenue than they cost us."

Asked if he thought Carmel residents were spoiled, Kersnar grinned, "That's your word. I'd say the level of service is high."

The state ended up taking only an extra \$17,000 from Carmel's \$7.074 million 1993-94 budget but Kersnar said the state is talking about facing an \$8 billion shortfall in the coming year.

Much of his problem comes from the uncertainty in the revenue picture. Property taxes are passed on from the county and the city cannot count on the exact date checks will be received.

Sales taxes are paid up to nine months after they are collected and estimated taxes

are posted six months behind so city managers never have a good handle on the overall business picture beyond the anecdotal evidence in town.

The city thus far has received only receipts for the first quarter sales tax which were up 13 percent "so if late summer was better, we may be doing okay," Kersnar said. "But Christmas was not so good according to what we hear."

A \$10 per hour parking fee imposed on tour buses on Labor Day was blamed by local merchants for a big drop in tourist business this Christmas.

"It's frustrating to me that we don't have access to overnight sales figures," Kersnar said. "In terms of the stories we got back, we don't think bus fees had anything to do with it. We had anecdotal stories about small businesses hurting but those businesses were in trouble. It's not a good sign. I don't like to hear that people can't make it any more. The recession has gone deeper but maybe we have in fact reached bottom. The hope is we've reached bottom but we still will need three consecutive quarters of real solid performance."

"I'd like to have a better handle on how business is doing. It's hard to make comparisons as merchants can do. The key components of our revenues depend on hotel and retail business. I'm thinking about setting up some sort of business-monitoring system."

Kersnar said he would like to get eight key businesses to which he would pledge complete confidentiality that the city could call once a month "just to be able to get more of an indication of how business is going." He thinks it could take a few years to check the reliability of the system in order to get "a nine-month early warning of business activity...instead of sitting on pins and needles."

Two years ago the city was hit in the middle of its budget year with a giant drop in the sales tax about which it had no advance warning.

Some revenue-producing measures approved in the 1993-94 budget have been put on hold. Enforcement of the unpopular \$60 delivery truck charge, for example, has been suspended until after the first of the year, the administrator said.

Kersnar said the city had made some adjustments and would no longer charge every individual truck that delivers in Carmel but instead would charge \$60 to a company that owns multiple trucks.

He also said, "There was a whole class of people we thought we could license and we can't." He said trucks delivering their own products can be charged by the city but not delivery companies that are regulated by the state.

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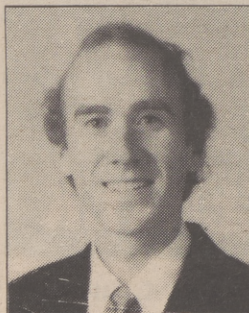
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OUT AND ABOUT

BY ISABELLE HALL

Christmas is a time to visit those folks you've been meaning to call on for weeks, particularly the elderly and the sick and people who may just be alone and maybe lonely. It is a difficult time for a lot of people, this holiday which celebrates the birth of Christ nearly 2,000 years ago. It has come light years from that event, and surely would not be recognizable to those who peopled the Bible stories of the time.

Putting aside the commercial aspects of Christmas, I think part of the reason it simply depresses some people is two-fold. Much of it is the expectation that is built up for the big day, and some of it comes from the fact that it is just about the shortest day of the year, and we suffer from lack of light.

I know I do. I feel like a flower when the days grow short, straining for more sunlight to keep me from going limp and hanging my head.

Studies have shown this feeling I have is shared by many, and those who suffer real depression as a result of the short winter days can be helped by more exposure to light. The worst part of living in Michigan, a truly beautiful state, was the long dark days of winter. Somehow it was even worse there than in Toronto where I grew up.

When I was a child those long dark mornings and afternoons when the sun is so pale and cold it casts an eerie glow were often given over to my mother's intensive holiday baking. I'm sure she never planned it that way but the comforting reassurance of my mother cutting up dried fruit for a Christmas cake and teaching me to cut out little gingerbread men from cookie dough shut out the dark skies and gray snowstorms. All must be well with the world if you can bask in the smell of ginger, cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg coming from a hot oven.

My friends think I'm nuts but despite our recent glorious weather on the peninsula, I yearn for snow. There is something about the air when snow is coming that creates an excitement. I suppose a scientist would tell me it was just electricity.

Of all my Christmases in all the different places, one of the most hectic was in 1979 when Stan and I had barely moved into the house we had built in Bloomfield Hills. This really was a *huge* house, the kind that would send the entire Carmel Planning Commission and the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee into a communal swoon. The living room was 2-1/2 stories high at the peak with a bridge across it and floor-to-ceiling windows so tall we had to get vertical blinds made in *California*. I often sit and listen to these well-meaning planners fuss about mass and height and intrusive decks and chuckle to myself. I love the soaring ceilings, tall windows and decks of contemporary houses with strong, clean lines that create what they call mass in these parts.

Shortly after we moved into the house, the chairwoman of the Detroit Symphony Guild asked me if we would let it be on the annual Christmas fund-raising tour. I was kind of stunned by the thought. We hadn't quite finished decorating and there were still rooms on the lower level unfinished.

I loved the symphony, and she really leaned on me to do my part. Convinced I would be sorry for it, I finally said yes with Stan's promise to cooperate.

Some months later on a cold fall Saturday, he nearly cut his left arm off with his radial arm saw. After I got him to the hospital, he underwent surgery and was told it would be a long recovery.

I didn't know what to do. All the publicity for the symphony tour was out, and our house was the feature attraction. Stan was in terrible pain and discomfort for months, lucky just to have his arm, and clearly could do nothing to help with a major Christmas decorating project. I know he wished it would all just go away, but he insisted instead that I must go ahead.

His mother, Bess, came to the rescue.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS with English crackers is a Canadian tradition as Texan Stan Hall learned when he joined his sister-in-law, Suzanne Lancaster, and her son, Michael for a holiday feast in Toronto. Wearing funny, paper hats is a part of the tradition.
Photo by Isabelle Hall

Telling me to not to worry about decorations, she had boxes full of angels and other decorations made, color-coordinated with the peach tones in the house, and shipped them to me from her furniture store in Oklahoma.

Good friends with strong backs bought the towering spruce tree and put it up in the living room.

I lined the staircases with white poinsettias, filled the house with flowers, and a really good friend loaned me an original and priceless Boehm sculpture of blackbirds in a tree for the center of the dining room table.

The local newspaper came to take photographs. We had done all we could. I decided to go on the tour of the other six houses and fretted all the way about how things were going back on Hammond Court. I drove by at one point and found people lined down the driveway and out into the street. Oh my God, I thought, why would all those people want to pay money to see my house.

Well, that afternoon 1,304 people toured our house, so we did help raise a lot of money for the symphony. The astonishing thing, though, was that after it was all over, you would have been be hard-pressed to think that even one person had been in the house except for a few telltale fuzz balls on the new carpet.

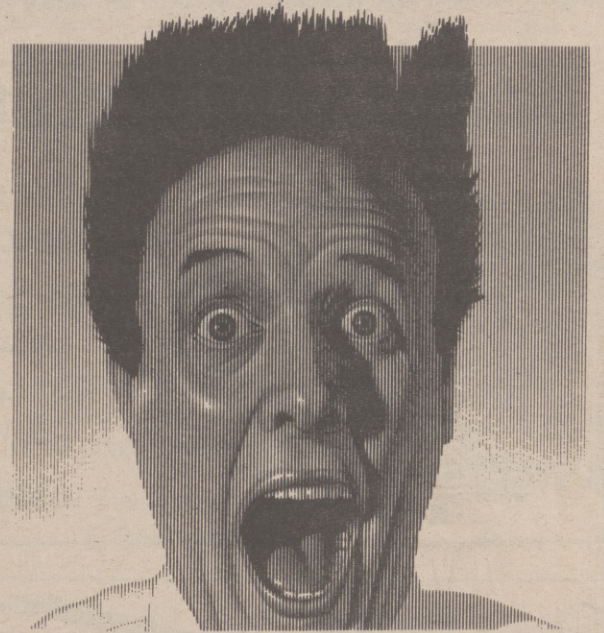
The symphony guild had 13 women volunteers in the house to guide the tour, and they vacuumed and washed the foyer tile and made sure everything was just as they found it before they left for the day. It was really an amazing feat.

The next year, I took Stan to Toronto where we opened Christmas crackers. One of our little family traditions, crackers are paper decorations rolled to look like firecrackers and filled with little prizes or gifts. You and your seat mate grab each end and pull. There is a little loud pop as the tiny bit of firecracker explodes.

We opened up our crackers and donned the

crazy paper hats and blew the whistles that were inside as we sat around my sister-in-law's festive table. If it doesn't move, Suzy will decorate it. She still makes cookies and her whole house is full of good cheer at Christmas. Just thinking about some of our Christmases past is enough to make this one something to look forward to.

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BY DAVE LYON

CARMEL VALLEY—A miniature sleigh with eight tiny reindeer were seen heading southbound over Mount Toro. Festive outdoor lights and heart-warming holiday displays were up at Rosie's Cracker Barrel. Wine and good spirits flowed at the first annual Valley tree-lighting. An unidentified Village grocer adorned a large wooden Indian with a jolly Santa's hat. Local Golden Retrievers, feeling silly wearing felt antlers, were guarding the door at the Running Iron.

Yes, Christmas has come to Carmel Valley, and on behalf of those busy elves at your Community Center, joyous holiday greetings and the best of wishes for the new year.

The Valley's first annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Village Park was a huge success. Under a balmy evening sky, hundreds of folks came to enjoy excellent wines from local vintners, outstanding food from Village restaurants, homemade cookies, cider and hot chocolate provided by the park district board. The sounds of holiday caroling, performed by a group from Hidden Valley Music Seminars, filled the air.

Special thanks goes out one more time to locals Doug MacIssac and Pat Ireland for their generous donation of the new, living Valley Village Christmas tree. The annual tree-lighting-Santa's Fly-In weekend is bound to become a new tradition here in the Valley.

Old St. Nick himself arrived a day late this year (Hey, only the second time in 35 years) but the Community Center's Fly-In was still as much fun and wonderful as ever. Congrats to Lexi Ingram and Ryland Utegaard, the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center raffle winners, who were chosen to ride in Santa's sleigh in the parade and to Eve Nielson, winner of the parade's best decorated bike contest.

Major kudos and a free chocolate snowman go to the eight community volunteers who pulled Santa along the parade route. Honorary reindeer this year were CVCYC

Prez Bill "Blitzen" Tarp, Darrel "Dasher" Tyler, Pete "Prancer" Lyon, Susanne Vixen" Terry, Jonathan "Comet" Lyon, Ryan "Rudolph" Terry and yours truly. We were all splendid in velvet antlers.

Parade Grand Marshal Lou Allaire and his wife, Ruth, led the usual assortment of firetrucks, old cars, horses, local floats, kids on bikes, cheerleaders and stray wise-men. Lou was resplendent in his top hat. Thanks for being our Village dignitary for the day.

Special recognition and a big heart-felt thank you also goes out to Randy Randazzo, who did his usual excellent job of organizing the parade.

Once at the Community Center, Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted more than 100 children and heard Christmas wishes from all while everyone enjoyed the craft booths, the "Moosehead" hot dogs and several outstanding roller-blade demonstrations by the Valley's newly formed "Team Extreem." Members of this very talented group are Bruce Matson, Brandon Jones, Chris Ward, Robert Klemeck, Josh Brown, Storm Nilson, Nick Klemeck, Robby Hunter, Isaac Siegel, Matt Brown and team organizers Scott Thatcher and Jay Morris.

Team Extreem meets weekdays after school at the Community Youth Center parking lot and is open to everyone, beginners and experienced bladers alike. For more info on Team Extreem, contact Robert at 659-2143 and watch this space for news about up-coming demonstrations.

Final acknowledgments for the success of the 35th Fly-In go to the volunteer board members of CVCYC, with extra kudos to Bill and Kathleen Tarp, Tim and Karen Dorreck, Patty Armstrong, Carlos Sabatini, Brian McCoy (thank you for the donuts), Ann Flood, Lee Warner and our own overworked director of operations, Debi Effron, for pulling off an excellent rain-delayed event.

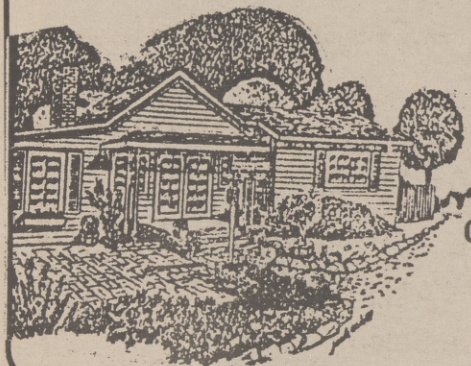
Stay tuned for news of events and a schedule of classes coming up after the first of the year at your local Community Center. And a very merry Christmas to all!



ROGER AND DODIE WILLIAMS of Carmel Valley listen to carolers during a Christmas party at Stonepine Estate Resort Saturday night. They were honored as the couple at the party having been married the longest—54 years. Below, at the same affair, Virginia Stanton and d'Aulan Gentry took time out to visit.



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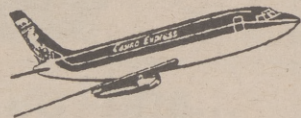
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First Night Monterey, an alcohol-free family celebration through the arts, will make its debut in California's first capital Dec. 31.

The event is modeled after First Night celebrations that will be taking place in nearly 100 towns and cities throughout the United States and Canada and internationally. Created in Boston in 1976, First Night has helped spark artistic creativity and revitalized downtown districts by drawing business and public attention to the area, sponsors said.

First Night Monterey, a non-profit organization, has been established to organize

and coordinate what will be an annual celebration.

A series of performances will take place in downtown Monterey between 4 p.m. and midnight on New Year's Eve, ranging from classical music, opera, drama and dance to sculpture, costume-making and puppetry. There will be a rousing performance by Tocara, a world beat band that draws on Afro-Brazilian roots to conclude the evening.

There will be nearly 40 different artists at 15 downtown Monterey venues, including a performance for children at the Fairy Tale Theater of Grovemont Theater Arts.

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MORE LETTERS

Slowing Growth in Weapons

If the compelling reason for a national five-day waiting period for the purchase of a handgun is to save lives, make our communities safer and, by implication, save our society, more must be done and soon.

Waiting for a gun while a background check occurs only postpones the sale to potential killers or careless citizens who do not have the faintest idea how a firearm must be used and handled. Just like an automobile, a weapon should be licensed and the owner must be required to undergo an educational program that includes classroom training and field training exercises. This would be funded through a fee levied at the time of sale of any weapon (BB guns, pellet guns, pistols, rifles and shotguns). In this program, no weapon is transferred to the purchaser until he/she passes the training program. Furthermore, it should be required that this program be repeated regularly for all current owners of these weapons. All registered owners would be notified that they are required to participate. Those weapons not registered would fall through the cracks. In this case, the owner is on the "honor system." This program is the appropriate jurisdiction of the National Rifle Association.

Granted, this program will not entirely stop weapons from getting in the wrong hands and being used to kill people, but it will begin the slow process of filtering out weapons that are in the wrong hands and will go a long way to control the current mindset that guns are just like owning a socket wrench. Furthermore, there are not enough and will never be enough police to go around to protect 250 million Americans. If anyone thinks Proposition 172 will make you safe and secure, you are in for a rude awakening.

Until we get control of the "gun culture" that exists in our society and especially among young people, there sure had better be some of us out there with a concealed gun (legally or illegally) who knows how to use it and when and who will "pop" the next jerk who walks into a restaurant or gets on a subway to unload his anger and clips on innocent people.

Matthew Sundt
Carmel Valley

Loose Dogs Becoming a Menace

On Sunday morning, Dec. 12, our 12-year-old Golden Retriever was attacked and bitten by another dog while being walked by my husband on leash on Southbank Road in Robles del Rio. She was lucky to have only one deep fang puncture wound, on her face about an inch from her eye, and may not need expensive veterinary attention. But the incident points out a situation that is approaching potentially dangerous levels—the number of loose dogs roaming our neighborhood.

Monterey County Animal Control informs me that county ordinance requires dogs to be confined to the owner's property. For the safety of our children and our animals, please keep your dogs on your own property, either leashed or fenced in. If you think that a fence is expensive, consider that the vet's bill for a broken leg after your dog has been hit by a car will probably be about \$800 or more. If you think that your purebred Rottweiler or Doberman needs to run free for exercise, consider the horror when a delivery person or neighbor's small child is bitten, then the cost of the vet and doctor bills and the lawsuits that follow.

One elderly neighbor of ours has stopped walking his small dogs on the street because he feels he is unable to protect them against the larger dogs who run free. A friend who is a licensed veterinary technician says that she refuses to jog or bicycle on our street for fear of dogs. Even the dogs who are safely fenced are harassed since every day the local loose dogs enter our property and tease our dogs who are behind a fence.

And if your dog is a sweet old lab mix, consider the words of the owner of the dog who bit our old girl: "He's never done that before." If you think that you need a dog to protect your property, then be sure that your dog is always on your property. Your Rottweiler isn't watching your house if he's down in my yard taunting my dogs. And if you say, "Well, he just won't come when I call," then I can recommend obedience lessons through the Dog Training Club of Salinas Valley and other clubs or private trainers.

Please don't let your dog be your neighbor's problem. Before a child walking to the school bus stop is bitten, or your dog is hit by a car, please confine your dog. There are no excuses when tragedy strikes.

Helen Brodrick
Carmel Valley

Is It the Proper Use for Trees?

The earth is beautiful all year round except for the massive pollution that man is responsible for and the uncountable environmental "accidents" that occur.

On Dec. 25 and the days immediately preceding it, environmental damage is wrought upon this planet by those who choose to "celebrate" the birth of a religion that is directly responsible for the eradication of more pagan, earth-worshipping cultures around the world than any other.

How is this done? By destroying entire forests that are desperately needed to attempt to counteract the excessive amounts of carbon dioxide and other pollutants that are spewed into the air every second. Countless trees (the ones that are purchased and not left as needless slaughter) are taken into individual homes, "decorated" (what is wrong with their living decorations of cones and needles undamaged by pollution?), and then wither and die over the mounds of presents wrapped in non-recyclable pretty wrapping paper, so that they can be taken to the dump with the mounds of trash created by this so-called celebration.

If people choose to celebrate this occasion, why not have a living tree in one community house where people who live close to each other as aliens most of the time anyway can gather and refresh that ancient sense of community?

Supposedly trees are grown specifically for this purpose. How sad, when the planet needs more trees than ever to attain its natural living balance. These trees could all be planted in the many cities in this country which could use more air pollution controls, including Salinas and Monterey, where the air is becoming a little thicker than it was five years ago.

Zoe Littledove and Richard Lookinghawk
Carmel Valley

Thanks for Help against Malibu Fire

As you know, a large portion of Malibu was recently devastated during a fire, which also threatened Pepperdine University.

The university's campus was in the way of harm, but emerged from the ordeal relatively unscathed. We, of course, thank God, but we also owe a debt of gratitude to the firefighters from your community who selflessly battled the blaze that could have exacted a much greater toll, were it not for their efforts.

On behalf of the entire Pepperdine University community, as well as our fellow Malibu residents, our heartfelt thanks go out to your community's firefighters for their courage, dedication, and service.

David Davenport, president
Pepperdine University

More Support for Greenwood

Robert Greenwood's candidacy for the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) vice presidency is an opportunity for all thoughtful Valley residents to truly defend our quality of life. He has served for many years on the CVPOA board and has always supported the charter mission of the CVPOA which is "to preserve, protect and defend the natural beauty and resources of Carmel Valley."

As a former board member myself, I know Robert Greenwood personifies the type of person we need as vice president on the board. We intend to vote for Robert Greenwood for vice president and for the following for directors of CVPOA: Sunday Collins, Alexander Henson and Gillian Taylor-Neumeier.

We urge all CVPOA members to vote for these candidates.
Rod and Anne Mills
Carmel Valley

A Threat to an Educated Populace?

A subtle but nevertheless sinister invasion of our educational system has started and is taking place right under our collective noses. It goes by a variety of names, but most common is Outcome Based Education (OBE). State control of the school is tightened to the point where teachers who resist OBE and try and teach the basics will be replaced with those who will follow the state line. The lack of skills—mastery in arithmetic, reading writing, spelling—will produce an individual who can be trained to perform menial tasks under supervision. Many companies have moved their plants overseas and south to staff them with low cost, poorly educated workers. This may have been one of the selling points to NAFTA.

Teachers in OBE classes are forbidden to teach phonics and correction of spelling and syntax errors which "could be damaging to the student's self esteem and creativity." Accountability to parents will be replaced with broad standards which measure such things as "Learning Outcomes, and Functional Literacy" or the ability to read a map and a bus schedule.

Test this information for yourself. Next time a clerk waits on you in a supermarket or a store, watch to see if he counts out your change or just dumps the money in your hand. Or the next time you ask directions, listen to see if they can mention accurate landmarks and street names or if the answer is rather nebulous and sketchy. Inquire from your local library about the number of regular patrons and their age group. Find out if more or fewer people are reading today. Notice how many libraries are being cut back for hours and money. Nobody will eventually use them anyway. Next time you overhear a conversation, listen to the vocabulary and the topics being discussed. Talk shows are a good place to sample the public's literacy level. How many of your children and friends organize their evenings around the TV. TV and most current movies are being crafted around a lower mentality.

Now, what can you do? Begin by demanding accountability from your children's teachers. Don't stop there; if the child's performance doesn't suit you, pester the administration for explanations. Find out if phonics are being used to teach reading or is drill on mathematics skills used, and why isn't written work sent home with punctuation and spelling corrections shown? If you see any phase of OBE in place at your local school, raise hell about it until it is dumped.

Don Soule
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Carmel Joins Huge MLS Group

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The Carmel board of directors passed a motion Oct. 18 recommending participation in the regional plan be submitted to the membership for a vote which was conducted by mail.

Carmel is a part of the Monterey County Regional Multiple Listing Service which began reviewing the various MLS vendors and looking at options for a new system early this year. Its current MLS contract with Moore Data expires in March of 1995.

Jeff Davi of Monterey, chairman of the county MLS, said, "Buyers will be able to narrow their house hunting by viewing the property on the computer. We are providing our members with a complete information system that will help make buying or selling a home easier."

The Monterey regional group united with Santa Cruz and Watsonville associations initially and then joined with San Jose and PRDS to look into a much broader regionalization, forming a 17-board task force for the project.

"You get greater buying power the larger you are," Poohar said. "In tough times, there's strength in numbers."

He dismissed any concern that the local area would attract more out-of-area Realtors because of the many referral networks in place and the difficulty of working in an

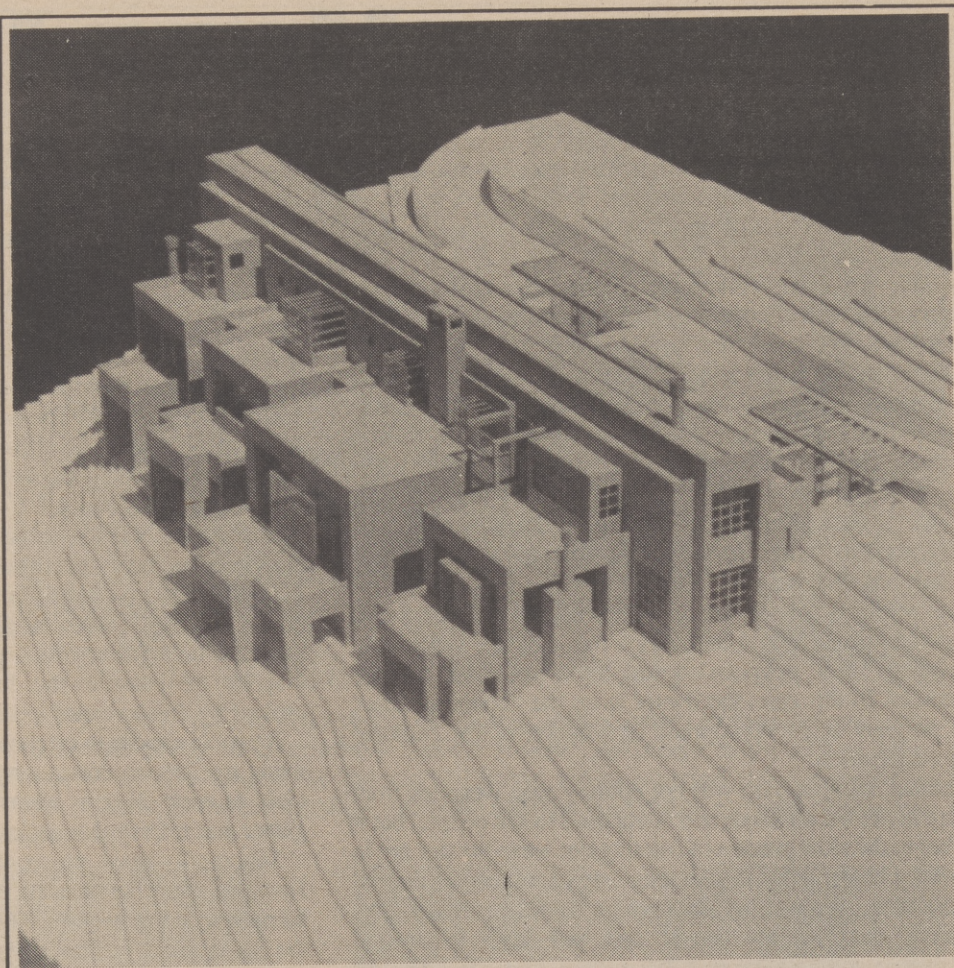
unfamiliar area.

"I would not want to do business in an area where I didn't understand the local market and the local restrictions," Poohar said. "I wouldn't want to go into a market I wasn't familiar with. I would rather get a referral commission. You're doing your client a better service by referring them to the appropriate broker. I refer people to other brokers within the Monterey Peninsula when I am not familiar with the particular area."

The as yet unnamed corporation is referred to as Regional. Its purpose as described by the Carmel association is "to provide a means whereby participants make unilateral offers of compensation and/or subagency to all other regional participants, and to provide a facility for the orderly correlation and dissemination of information among regional participants so that the participants may better serve their clients and the public."

The new corporation, to be based in San Jose, will be managed by a board of governors with each shareholder entitled to appoint at least one governor based on its size. Carmel will have one.

The new MLS system is based on one designed by the San Jose Real Estate Board called the Tandem Non-Stop MLS system. It includes on-line photographs of listings, integrated tax assessor information and front-end PC-based processing. The system was structured to allow for growth and can be expanded to include the new members.



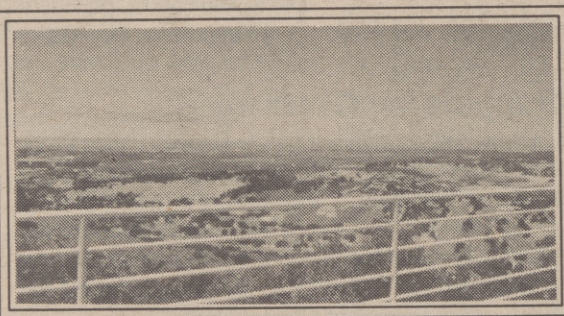
CARMEL ARCHITECT JOHN THODOS won best-of-show at the recent design competition sponsored by the Monterey Bay chapter of the American Institute of Architects with this model of a home that he designed in the Carmel Highlands for Truman and V. J. Chaffin.

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SAN CARLOS STREET. Dolores Associates to Carol Roen. \$450,000.
MONTE VERDE STREET. Northwestern University to Sandra Oakley. \$275,000.

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

29798 HWY 1. Jose L. and Meredith L. Ramos, to Sally E. Boyd. \$3,600,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

CHAPPARAL ROAD. Mary H. Mason to Steven and Wendy Brooks. \$330,000.
5499 GREY GOOSE GULCH DRIVE. Community Housing Improvement Systems to QM Affordable Housing Partners. \$250,000.

24520 OUTLOOK DRIVE. Sylvia A. Ostenson to Warren H. and Sherry L. Davis. \$330,000.

CARMEL KNOLLS DRIVE. Lucia H. Humphrey to Babak and Louisa J. Yavari. \$313,000.

25020 PINE HILLS DRIVE. Dennis A. and

Diane Powers to Allen C. and Susan H. Miller III. \$620,000.

DEL MESA CARMEL. Robert W. Parker to Roderick K. and Jennifer R. Macleod. \$191,500.

PEBBLE BEACH

2868 LASAUEN ROAD. Mark R. West to Frederick Sickert. \$375,000.

1079 MAJELLA ROAD. Richard M. Nystrom to Greg and Cynthia B. House. \$364,000.

Davi Named Monterey Realtor of the Year

Jeff Davi, who spearheaded the task force to form one of the largest regional multiple listing services in the country, was named Realtor of the Year by the Monterey Peninsula Association of Realtors.

Davi was a candidate for Fifth District supervisor in August, losing narrowly to Sam Karas. A third generation peninsula resident, Davi is the Designated Realtor of his family-owned and operated real estate firm in Monterey, A. G. Davi, Ltd.

He is a director of the Monterey Peninsula Association of Realtors and of the Monterey-Carmel Council of Real Estate Boards and a trustee of the Monterey Peninsula Board of Realtors Political Action Committee.

Rhenda Miller Heads Carmel Realtors

Rhenda Miller of the Mitchell Group was named Realtor of the Year and installed as president of the Carmel Association of Realtors for 1994.

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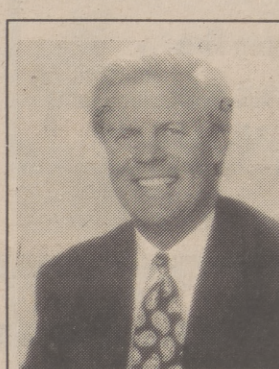
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Recovery Head Says Community Abets Youth Drug, Alcohol Use

By Carolyn Rice

"In my experience, this is one of the most aiding and abetting communities I've been in," Chris Shannon told the Carmel High School Booster's Club at its meeting on drug and alcohol abuse.

Asked after the meeting what she based her statement on, Shannon told The Sun she didn't have actual comparisons with other communities. But she said that was her general impression, gained from her work as director at the Community Hospital Recovery Center.

She said nine out of ten high school students in a national survey of 50,000 young people said they drank alcoholic beverages. But if you ask kids they will say, "everyone I know drinks, and three out of four smoke dope," she said. "Fifteen-year-olds who chose not to do it are lonely kids."

"There's always a group of kids who don't do drugs or alcohol," interjected Judy Palshaw, mother of two Carmel High students.

"That's the exception, not the rule," Shannon told her.

Booster President Jim Kistenmacher, who opened the Dec. 15 meeting, said, "Unfortunately some boosters are not here tonight." He said he had received phone calls from some who objected that drug and alcohol use was an inappropriate topic for the Boosters' Club. It should stick to fundraising, he said some callers told him.

Shannon said certain statistics show students who are in athletics use alcohol and drugs more than other groups of students, and that boys are involved more than female athletes by two to one.

Students with drug problems come from everywhere, she said. "They come from the best of families. They come from the worst of families and from everything in between."

The "burnouts and dopers" are not relegated to one group, Shannon noted. "They are the good kids, the smart kids and the athletes." She said teens at the recovery center have included captains of athletic teams and a salutatorian of a high school class.

"The rules athletic departments have placed on athletes have eroded over the years," she said. "People kept giving athletes second, third, fourth, fifth and 86th chances."

"The start of all of this is in varsity sports in high school," Shannon said. Coaches may be inclined to look the other way when they suspect a star athlete is using prior to a big game, not wanting to lose his talents. "Too often the accountability test for coaches is what the win/loss record is," Shannon said.

Students should abide by non-use requirements to participation in extra-curricular activities, Shannon said. But she noted many adults in the Carmel community op-

posed having students sign non-use contracts in order to participate in sports or other activities when it was proposed as part of a new Carmel drug policy earlier this year.

Luann Sullivan-Meador told Shannon that she was one of the parents who opposed the policy, saying she feared the it would encourage students inform on each other. "There are a lot of malicious kids out there," she said.

"It was guilty until proven innocent," agreed Palshaw.

But Lee Goldman, a Carmel Valley physician and high school parent, said, "You almost have to come at it from that standpoint. They are going to deny it." Goldman, who is the medical director at the Recovery Center, said he would rather have a committee hear things that are frivolous and toss them out than ignore a problem, "especially if nothing punitive will happen."

The average age for alcohol experimentation nationwide is 12.7 years, Shannon said. In contrast, during the '50s and '60s, young people were about 15 or 16 before they "were under pressure to drink," Shannon noted. "Now it's before they start seventh grade. There's a vast difference between age 12 and 15 or 16."

Calling drug and alcohol use "a health problems and maybe a legal problem," Shannon called for "firm yet humane responses."

The earlier abuse is stopped the greater the chance of recovery, she said. "The one thing we hear over the years from kids in recovery is 'I wish I hadn't started. I wish my Mom and Dad would have told me no.'"

Shannon urged the parents to tell their children it's not okay to "pass out and act like a fool."

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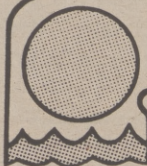
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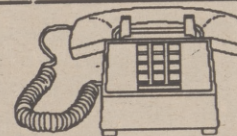
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Carmel Area Merchants Report Sales About Even With Last Year

By Carolyn Rice

Carmel and Carmel Valley merchants report Christmas sales are about the same as last year or just slightly up.

Several merchants surveyed by The Sun said September and October sales were quite good but business seems to have flattened out since then.

Nancy Caldwell who owns The Last Chance gift shop in Carmel Valley Village said her November and December sales are slightly better than last year while "September and October were the best months I've ever had."

Debby Alexander of the Carmel Business Association said businesses in Carmel "just are not seeing the traffic in town. Ocean Avenue has a lot of people, but they aren't carrying packages."

She most merchants reported business was up and down. "The hotel people are crying," she said, adding that's typical the week before Christmas as most people stay home rather than travel at this time of year.

Richard Brinton, owner of Brinton's at the mouth of the Valley, said his store had experienced much the same thing. "Sales were substantially up through October. Then in November and December things have been slow."

Brinton said he had no explanation for the drop-off during the months prior to Christmas. On Tuesday, he reported traffic through the store was heavy, as he began a 50 percent off sale on Christmas items. The sale had been planned 90 days previously and is something the store has done for the past three years on Dec. 22, Brinton said, noting it had not been planned at the last minute to spur sales.

"I wouldn't even know it was Christmas," said Gigi Sortwell who owns That's My Boy on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. She said after a good October

business has fallen off in November and December. "There is not much foot traffic," she said. "It has been very, very slow."

Sortwell said the \$10 fee charged to buses which parked at Carmel Plaza cut down on the number of buses coming into Carmel and she didn't know whether or not they were returning since the fee was rescinded.

John Waldroup, owner of The Barnyard, said the mouth of the Valley shopping center had experienced "nominal gains over last year." Items related to home decor are strong, Waldroup said, and the Barnyard has more space featuring that type of merchandise. "With all the uncertainty out there, people are spending their money on their immediate surroundings," he said. "They're cocooning."

Nationwide reports show home-related items are having the biggest gain in sales of anything, he said. "It seems to be the thing people are spending their money on this year."

Scott Iredell who has worked at Dick Bruhn's on Ocean Avenue for 20 years said, "We're down a slight tad from last year." But he noted with 30,000 people gone from Fort Ord, "I'd say we're doing damned good."

The store relies on local business during the holidays, he said. "There are not many tourists at this time of year. It will perk right up when the AT&T (Golf Tournament) hits."

Bruce Fergusson at Adam Fox said his store has been busy, "but we send out a catalogue. We're doing as well as we did last year, but it's not anything spectacular. It's okay. It's not great."

December is always his biggest month, Fergusson said, and all his business comes from the local area including Salinas and Monterey.

SPORTS

Against King City

Carmel Set to Open League Hoop Play

Both the Carmel High boys' and girls' basketball teams open their Mission Trail Athletic League (MTAL) basketball seasons Tuesday, Jan. 4, against King City—teams expected to be in the hunt with the Padres for league championships.

The boys lost to Seaside 53-52 Tuesday night on a final second layup—the second of two preseason losses in the week before Christmas at the buzzer. The other came in Carmel's own 47th Invitational Basketball tournament.

After that loss—46-45 to Leigh of San Jose on a putback at the buzzer—Carmel went on to win the consolation title in the tournament.

The Padres' J. R. Powell was named to the all-tournament team. He had 26 points against Leigh and 21 against Santa Cruz as the Padres cruised to a 57-43 victory.

Monterey won the Carmel tournament, holding off Seaside for a 42-38 win.

The Carmel girls, led by the inside play of Jennifer Rosenthal, will entertain King City at home at 7 p.m. for their MTAL opener after the holidays, while the boys travel to South County.

After its opening round loss in the tournament, Carmel got back on track and into the consolation game by beating Terra Nova 60-47, playing most of the second half without Powell, who was ejected. He still scored 21 points.

Against Seaside, Powell almost won it for the Padres, hitting a three-point shot with just eight seconds to play. But Spartan senior Jason Saelzer then drove the length of the court for a layup to win it.

Powell led all scorers in that game with 17 points, eight of them coming in the final quarter. Joey Bernhard chipped in with 16 for Carmel.

In junior varsity play, Damien Armstrong scored 18 points to lead Carmel to a 45-44 win over Seaside. He hit the winning three-pointer at the horn.

In freshman play, Colter Bissel and Davin Johnson led the scoring with 15 points apiece to lead Carmel to a 46-40 victory.

Both Carmel varsity teams finished last season at 21-6, both making it to the second round of the Central Coast Sectionals before being dumped from post-season play.

Rio Resolution Run To Start New Year

Rio Grill said it will sponsor the fourth edition of the Rio Resolution Run at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1—a 6.8 mile footrace along Carmel's beaches and waterfront to benefit the Family Resource Center.

The event includes not only the race, but an awards ceremony and full brunch for all contestants and volunteers.

New for the fourth running of the race will be a centipede division and a resolutions contest which will be open to all preregistered racers. The race will get underway near Rio Grill in the Crossroads Shopping Center at the mouth of the Valley.

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